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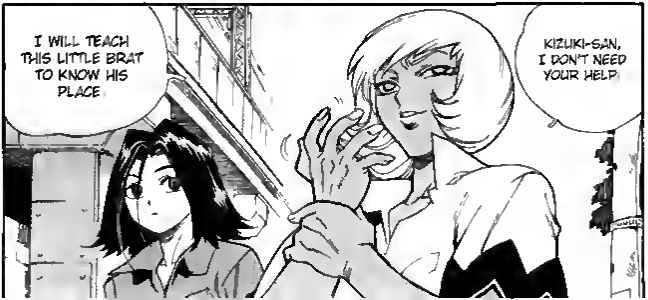
I WILL TEACH THIS LITTLE BRAT TO KNOW HIS PLACE!
KIZUKI-SAN, I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP!

I'LL MAKE HER REALIZE WHO'S THE REAL BOSS IN THE SCHOOL
AFTER ALL, SHE HAS ALWAYS BEEN QUITE A NUISANCE
THIS IS NOT WHAT EXPECTED, BUT, WHATEVER... BEATING TAKATORI IS ENOUGH TO GET MY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT...

...!
YOU ARE SLOW TOO SLOW
HMMM.
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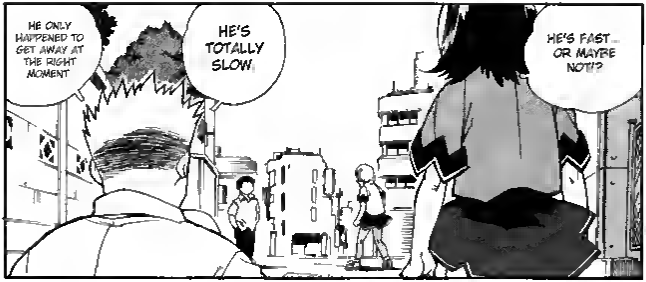
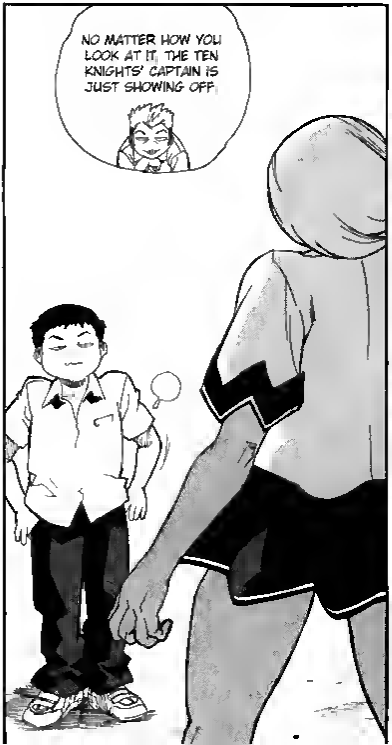

HE ONLY HAPPENED TO GET AWAY AT THE RIGHT MOMENT
HE'S TOTALLY SLOW.
HE'S FAST... OR MAYBE NOT!?


NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, THE TEN KNIGHTS' CAPTAIN IS JUST SHOWING OFF.

...
DO YOU KNOW HOW?

HE ALREADY KNEW WHERE THE ATTACK WOULD GO BEFORE HE DODGED
AND HE WAS RIGHT...

IT'S OVER FOR YOU NOW...
IT'S TIME TO SHOW YOU MY TRUE POWER.
THAT EVERYONE WOULD CHOOSE A LITTLE KIDLIKE YOU TO BE THE TEN KNIGHTS' CAPTAIN.
I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT IT'S STRANGE...

SIGHED
OI, MIDDLE SCHOOLER, BEHAVE!
I WON'T FORGIVE YOU NOT EVEN IF YOU SUCK MY D**K

BUT NOW, I THINK I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW KUNITOSHI'S EXAMPLE AND LEAVE YOU 99% DEAD
I WAS THINKING THAT I WOULD LEAVE YOU HALF DEAD...

WHOOPS, THAT WAS DANGEROUS
I'M OVER HERE.
HEY, HEY.
WHAT ARE YOU AIMING AT?
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TCH
MY THROW WAS TOO WEAK.

RIGHT AWAY...
KIZUKI!
IT WAS WEIRD HOW HE STUBBORNLY WANTED TO FIGHT ME SO IT IS LIKE THIS...
I SEE...
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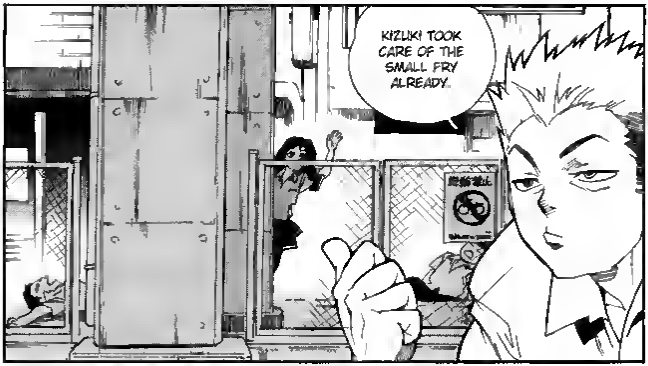
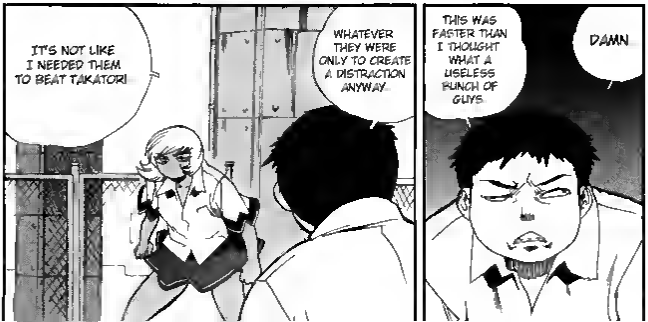
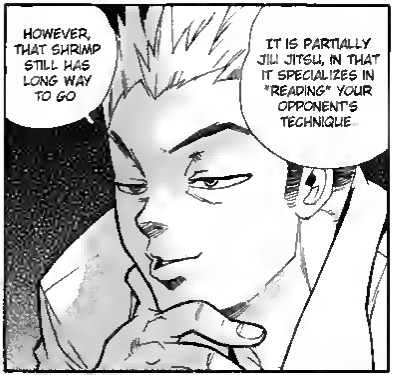
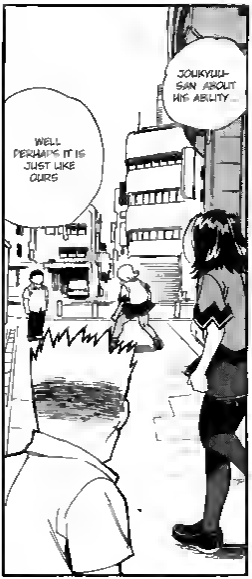
IT'S ALL OKAY NOW, MII!
HIDING THEMSELVES, SCURRING IN AND OUT LIKE A RATS!
DAMN IT!

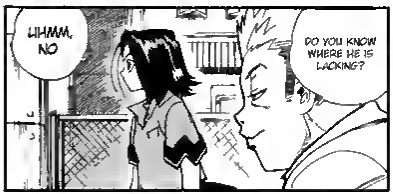

KIZUKI TOOK CARE OF THE SMALL FRY ALREADY.

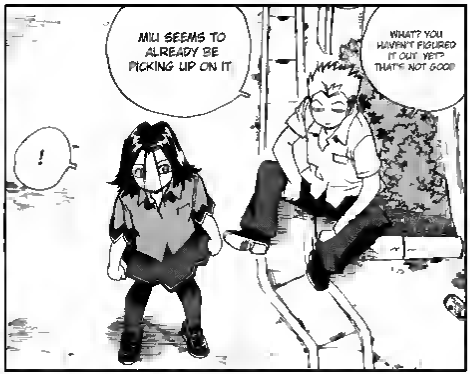

IT'S NOT LIKE I NEEDED THEM TO BEAT TAKATORI!
WHATEVER THEY WERE ONLY TO CREATE A DISTRACTION ANYWAY.
THIS WAS FASTER THAN I THOUGHT! WHAT A USELESS BUNCH OF GUYS.
DAMN


HOWEVER, THAT SHRIMP STILL HAS LONG WAY TO GO
IT IS PARTIALLY JIU JITSU, IN THAT IT SPECIALIZES IN "READING" YOUR OPPONENT'S TECHNIQUE

JIU JITSU A CLASSICAL FORM MARTIAL ARTS, USUALLY WITHOUT WEAPONS







SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO TOUCH ME
AS LONG AS I CAN "READ" HER I HAVE THE UPPER HAND
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ARE YOU STUPID? THAT IS A CHILDISH TRICK...
ARE YOU TRYING TO DISTRACT ME WITH THAT HALF NAKED BODY?
WH... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
PHEW, I'M GLAD
THAT I WEAR A BRA TODAY
It's a sport bra.
?

LET'S BEGIN THE SECOND ROUND.
NOW...

STILL DON'T GET IT?

EVEN WITH YOUR FOUL MOUTH AND PROVOKING ME THROUGHOUT THE FIGHT
I FINALLY CAME TO MY SENSES

I UNDERSTAND NOW
THE FACE AND THE VEIL IT'S THE FACIAL EXPRESSION ISN'T IT?
EXACTLY !

ON THE OTHER HAND, HE ONLY RELIES ON THE FACIAL EXPRESSION AS HIS SOURCE OF INFORMATION
IT PROVES THAT HE IS STILL LACKING
HE TALKS A LOT ABOUT HIS OPPONENT'S INADEQUACIES
IT MAKES EASIER FOR HIM TO "READ" IF HIS OPPONENT IS PROVOKED

ONCE HE FACES AN OPPONENT WITH A COVERED FACE OR A POKER FACE, HE BREAKS DOWN LIKE THIS
NATURALLY, YOU NEED THE ABILITY TO READ YOUR OPPONENT'S MOVEMENT AND BEHAVIOR AND THEN ANALYZE THEM MENTALLY IN ORDER TO MASTER HIS "READING TECHNIQUE."

"SIS!"
YOU'LL BECOME INCOMPETENT AND YOU WILL ONLY HURT YOURSELF LATER
YOU TOO! DON'T BE A COPY CAT
MIU IS COPYING ME AGAIN!
RIGHT FROM THE START, SHE MIXES EVERYTHING WITH MY MOVES

DAMN, I GOT FELL INTO HER FACE THIS BITCH...
JUST WATCH..
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A SNIPER!?
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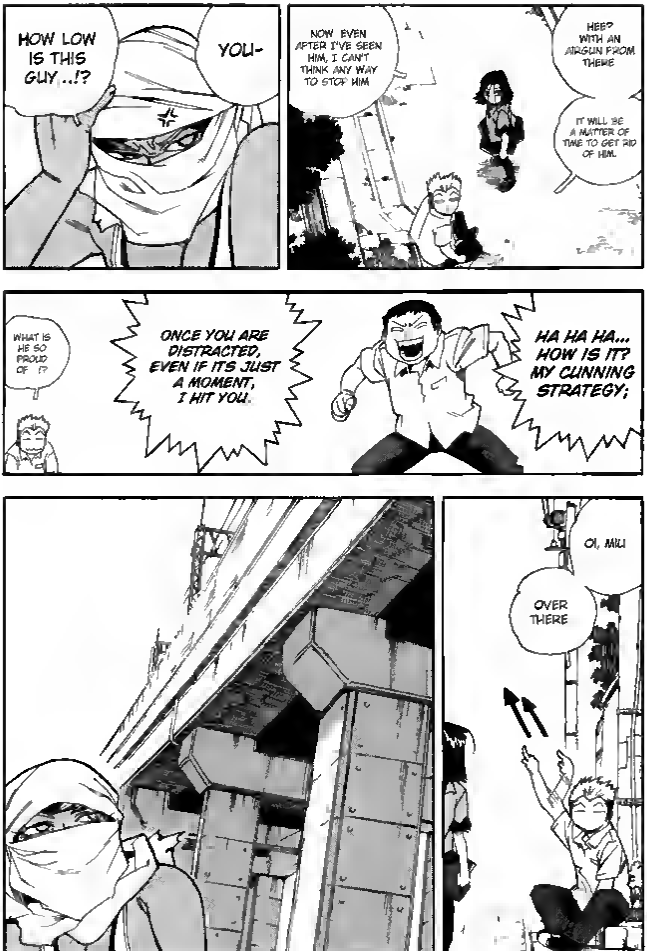
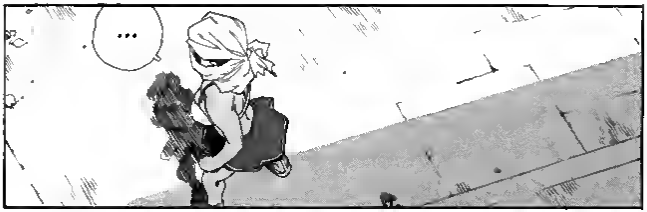

HOW LOW IS THIS GUY..!?
YOU-
NOW EVEN AFTER I'VE SEEN HIM, I CAN'T THINK ANY WAY TO STOP HIM
HEE? WITH AN AIRGUN FROM THERE
IT WILL BE A MATTER OF TIME TO GET RID OF HIM.
WHAT IS HE SO PROUD OF !?
ONCE YOU ARE DISTRACTED, EVEN IF ITS JUST A MOMENT, I HIT YOU.
HA HA HA... HOW IS IT? MY CUNNING STRATEGY;
OI, MIU
OVER THERE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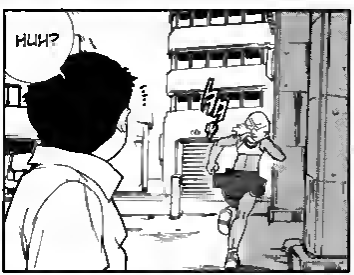
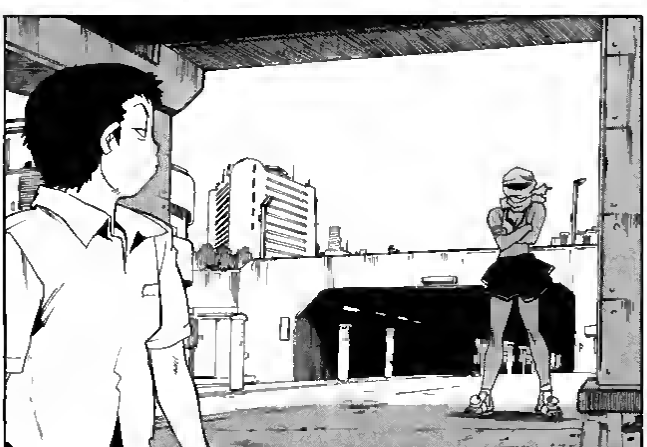
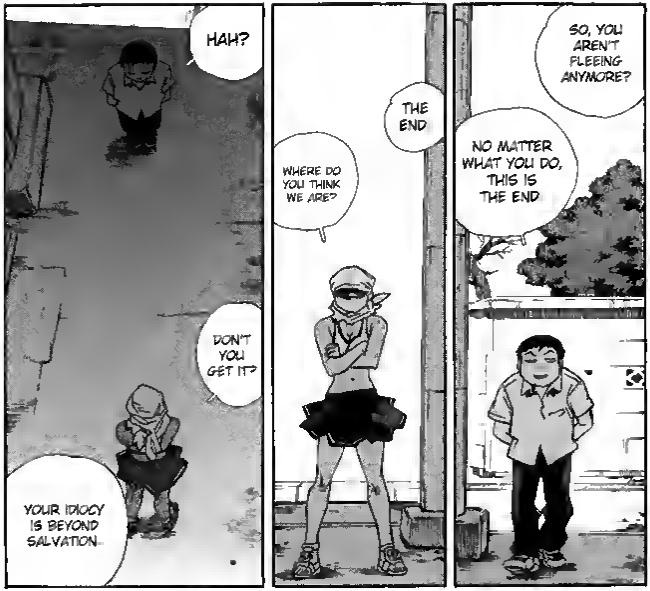
THIS WILL MAKE A GREAT RUMOR, YOU KNOW? TAKATORI GOT SCARED AND RAN AWAY
WHAT? ARE YOU RUNNING AWAY?


HUH?




HAH?
DON'T YOU GET IT?
YOUR IDIOCY IS BEYOND SALVATION
WHERE DO YOU THINK WE ARE?
THE END
SO, YOU AREN'T FLEEING ANYMORE?
NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO, THIS IS THE END

HOW CAN I SHOOT IF YOU GO IN THERE!?
THIS GUY IS INDEED A REAL MORON

KIZUKI, GO STOP HER!
WAA—— PERHAPS SHE IS SERIOUS ABOUT KILLING HIM.
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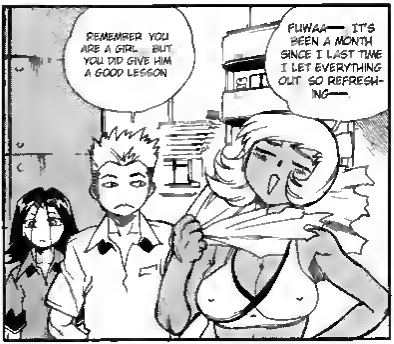
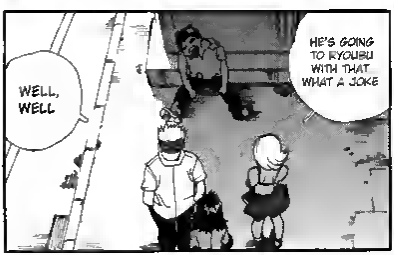
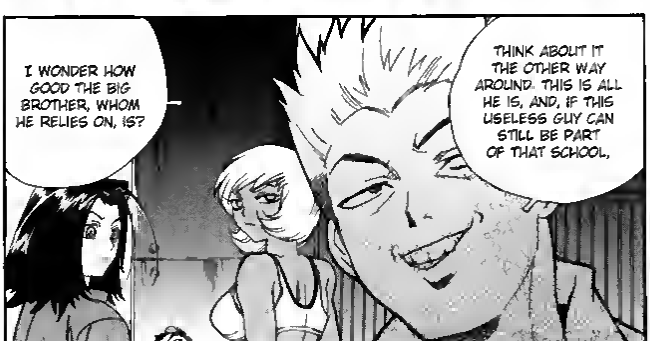

REMEMBER YOU ARE A GIRL... BUT YOU DID GIVE HIM A GOOD LESSON
FUWAA— IT'S BEEN A MONTH SINCE I LAST TIME I LET EVERYTHING OUT SO REFRESHING—




I WONDER HOW GOOD THE BIG BROTHER, WHOM HE RELIES ON, IS?
THINK ABOUT IT THE OTHER WAY AROUND. THIS IS ALL HE IS, AND, IF THIS USELESS GUY CAN STILL BE PART OF THAT SCHOOL,

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スキャラ鳥丸の登場により混沌、巳即、
城 景安…それぞれの思惑が加速する！
美少女たちの運命は!?

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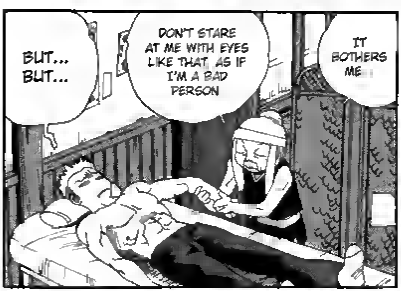
BUT... BUT...
DON'T STARE AT ME WITH EYES LIKE THAT AS IF I'M A BAD PERSON
IT BOTHERS ME...

SHALL I MAKE IT SO THAT YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO MOVE YOUR BODY AGAIN?
PLUS I CAN'T TELL WHEN YOU WILL STRIKE AND GIVE ME DOUBLE THE PAIN
YOU TOUCHED ME WITH THAT WRINKLED HAND

WELL, THIS ISN'T THE KIND OF SHOW YOU CAN SEE EVERY DAY
GRANNY, YOUR RUDE GRAND-DAUGHTER SEEMS TO BE ENJOYING THE SHOW. ITS ANNOYING ME
BE QUIET I'M DOING SOMETHING OUTSIDE MY SPECIALTY, I NEED TO FOCUS WELL
I'M JUST AN ASSIS-TANT, DON'T MIND ME
YOU OLD HAG.
I SHOULD ALSO MENTION THAT THIS IS GOING TO BE EXPENSIVE
AND THE OTHER HALF IS BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE TO GUARANTEE THE RESULT
HALF OUT OF CURIOSITY
...THEN WHY DID YOU ACCEPT THIS TASK?

WHAT DID YOU ..
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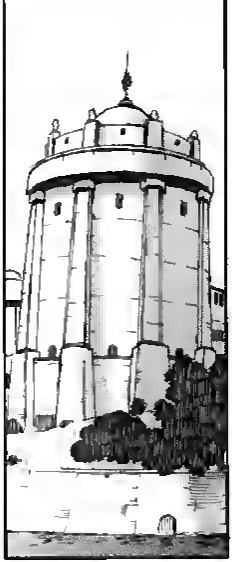
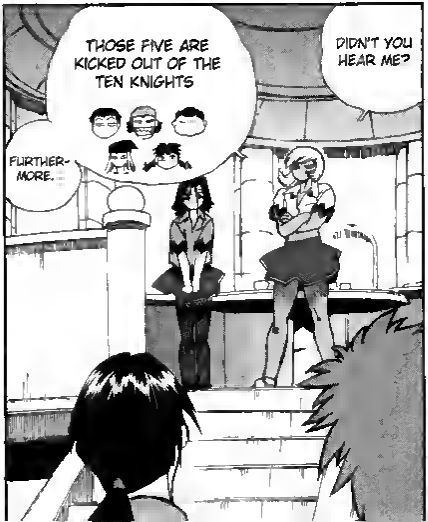
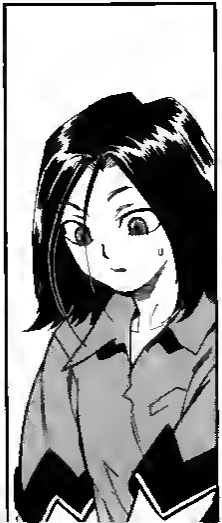
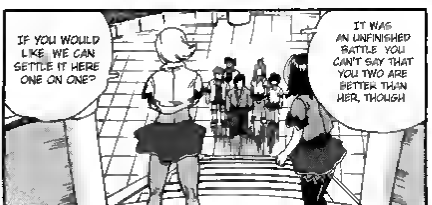


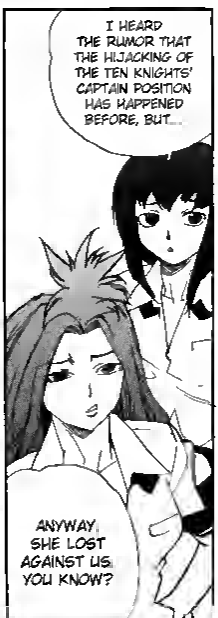

THOSE FIVE ARE KICKED OUT OF THE TEN KNIGHTS
FURTHER-MORE..


DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME?

WHICH IS WHY I AM APPOINTING KIZUKI-SAN AS THE TEN KNIGHTS' CAPTAIN.
WE ARE ALSO GOING TO BE THIRD YEAR STUDENTS SOON,
YOU'RE JOKING, RIGHT!? TAKATORI-SAN.
WHAT!? SERIOUSLY!?

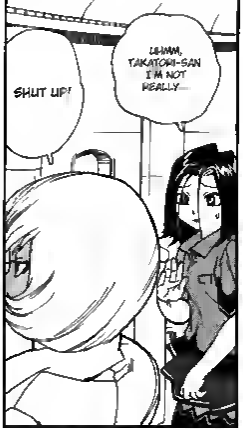
I DON'T DOUBT THIS.
FOR YOUR INFORMATION SHE IS STRONGER THAN ANY OF YOU HERE,
PERHAPS WE SHOULD...

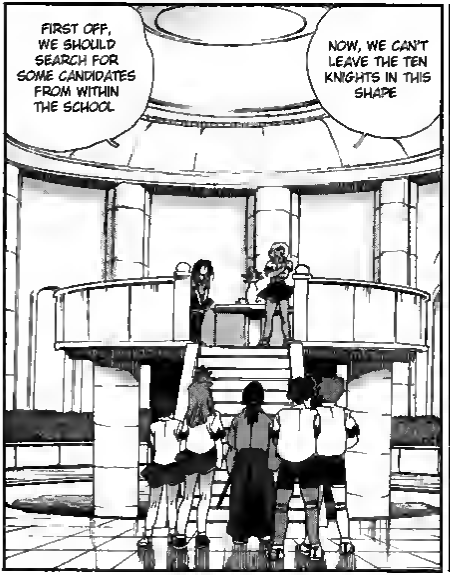

IF YOU WOULD LIKE, WE CAN SETTLE IT HERE ONE ON ONE?
IT WAS AN UNFINISHED BATTLE. YOU CAN'T SAY THAT YOU TWO ARE BETTER THAN HER, THOUGH


I HEARD THE RUMOR THAT THE HIJACKING OF THE TEN KNIGHTS' CAPTAIN POSITION HAS HAPPENED BEFORE, BUT...
ANYWAY, SHE LOST AGAINST US, YOU KNOW?

HUH——?
THERE IS NO NEED FOR THAT! IF THIS IS TAKATORI-SAN'S DECISION, THEN I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO IT!

IF YOU WANT TO COMPLAIN, YOU NEED TO BEAT ME AND BECOME THE TOP. THEN, YOU CAN DO ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE.
RIGHT NOW, THE TOP STUDENT IN SCHOOL IS ME! I HOLD THE RIGHT TO GIVE ORDERS.


SHUT UP!
UHMM, TAKATORI-SAN I'M NOT REALLY...


FIRST OFF, WE SHOULD SEARCH FOR SOME CANDIDATES FROM WITHIN THE SCHOOL
NOW, WE CAN'T LEAVE THE TEN KNIGHTS IN THIS SHAPE

...

IN OTHER WORDS, AS THE VICE PRESIDENT,
DO YOUR JOB PROPERLY.
IF I CAN STAND ON THE TOP, I WILL HAVE A BETTER CHANCE TO BE RECOMMENDED TO RYOUBU.
SCHOOL TOP
TEN KNIGHTS' CAPTAIN
TEN KNIGHTS
TEN KNIGHTS
TEN KNIGHTS
TEN KNIGHTS
CLUB
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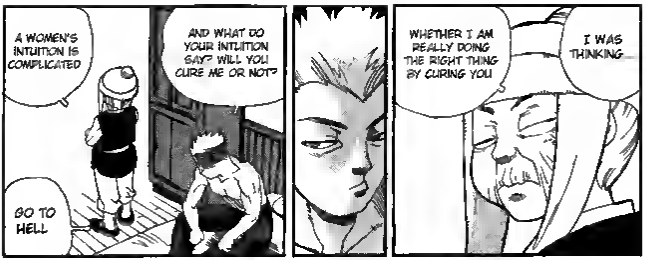
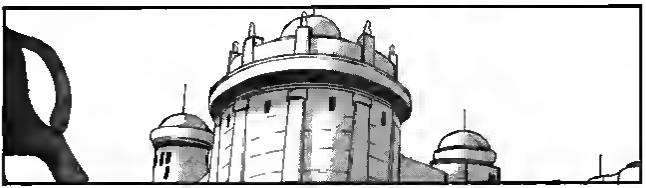
CLUB
THIS IS HOW I WANT THE STUDENT COUNCIL IN JUUZENJI HIGH TO LOOK LIKE...

ONLY THROUGH TRIAL AND ERROR, CAN WE ADVANCE, LITTLE BY LITTLE.
I HAVE TOLD YOU THIS MANY TIMES.
IT'S NOTHING BUT PAIN, I'M NOT GETTING BETTER AT ALL!
IF BEFORE IT WAS 50%, IT SHOULD BE 52% OR 53% BY NOW
DON'T YOU WORRY ALREADY, THERE IS A LITTLE BIT OF PROGRESS
WHY YOUR FATHER HAD TO DO THIS KIND OF THING TO HIS OWN SON
THERE IS STILL SOMETHING THAT BOTHERS MY MIND
MOREOVER, THE PRICE YOU ARE ASKING IS TOO MUCH ... MAYBE I SHOULD STOP THIS
NO MATTER WHAT PERCENT IT IS, IT STILL HURTS LIKE HELL


A WOMEN'S INTUITION IS COMPLICATED
GO TO HELL
AND WHAT DO YOUR INTUITION SAY? WILL YOU CURE ME OR NOT?
WHETHER I AM REALLY DOING THE RIGHT THING BY CURING YOU
I WAS THINKING



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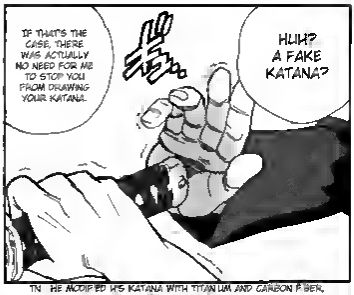
LIKE HER FATHER, THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, HER SPEECHES ARE REALLY LONG
MY LEGS HURT—
IT'S SO LONG—
AND THAT WAS HOW THAT SHRIMP USED HIS PAWNS TO CREATE AN OPENING...
IS THIS WHERE THE STUDENT COUNCIL IS LOCATED?
I.M SORRY FOR INTERRUPTING YOUR MEETING

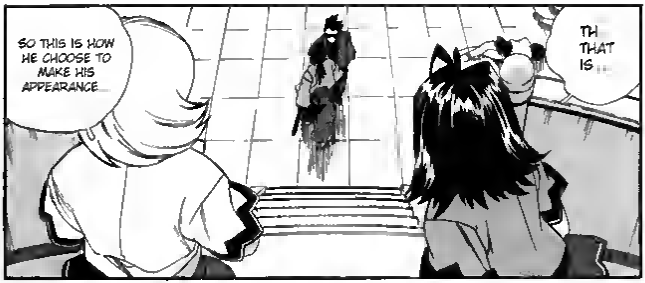
DON'T SWEAT IT
EXCUSE ME AN OUTSIDER IS ...
KARASUMARU DAIKI.
I'M THE BROTHER OF THE TEN KNIGHTS' CAPTAIN, WHOM YOU SENT TO THE HOSPITAL THE OTHER DAY.

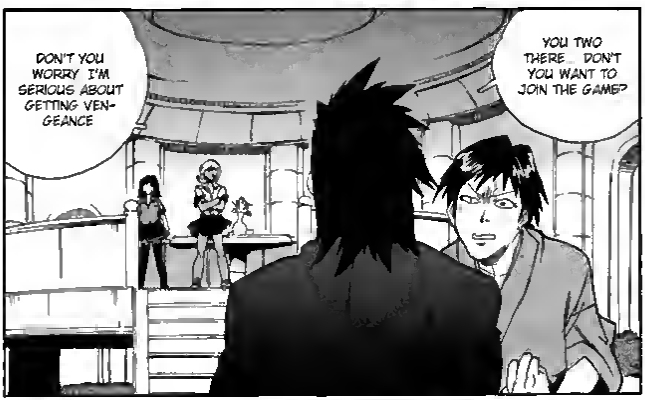
I'M BEING STOPPED FROM DRAWING OUT MY KATANA.
HUH? WHAT!?
AND, WHAT HAPPENED TO THE OTHER FOUR!?

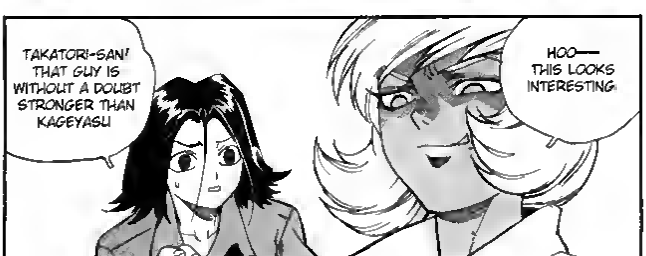


TN: HE MODIFIED HIS KATANA WITH TITANIUM AND CARBON FIBER, REFER TO ATK1 04

DON'T GET ME WRONG, I'M NOT COMING HERE TO TAKE REVENGE FOR MY BROTHER
WELL NO MATTER WHAT I SAY. I DON'T THINK IT WILL MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE

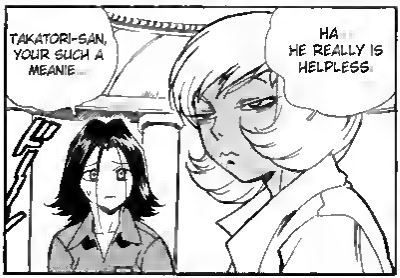

SO THIS IS HOW HE CHOOSE TO MAKE HIS APPEARANCE...
TH THAT IS...


DON'T YOU WORRY I'M SERIOUS ABOUT GETTING VEN-GEANCE
YOU TWO THERE DON'T YOU WANT TO JOIN THE GAME?


TAKATORI-SAN! THAT GUY IS WITHOUT A DOUBT STRONGER THAN KAGEYASU
HOO— THIS LOOKS INTERESTING

KIZUKI-SAN,
WHAT YOU LACK IS COURAGE.
I DO NOT...
WHAT I AM TRYING TO SAY IS THAT YOU ARE BEING RECKLESS!
YOU SAW IT, RIGHT? WADOU-SAN CAN DRAW HIS KATANA IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE, YET HE STOPPED IT. AT THE SAME TIME, HE SENT THE OTHER FOUR AROUND HIM FLYING...
HIS "READING" LEVEL IS FAR ABOVE THE TEN KNIGHTS' CAPTAIN
BESIDES... EVEN THOUGH HE IS NOT COMING FOR REVENGE HE OBVIOUSLY WANTS TO PUT SOME PRESSURE ON JOUKYUU-SAN

ARE YOU UNDER-ESTIMAT-ING ME!?
DAMN YOU,
NOT BEING ABLE TO DRAW OUT YOUR KATANA, YOU PULL YOUR BODY BACK...
IT'S ONLY NATURAL
BUT I'M THE ONE WHO TAKES CONTROL OF THE GRIP
YOUR RESIS-TANCE IS FUTILE

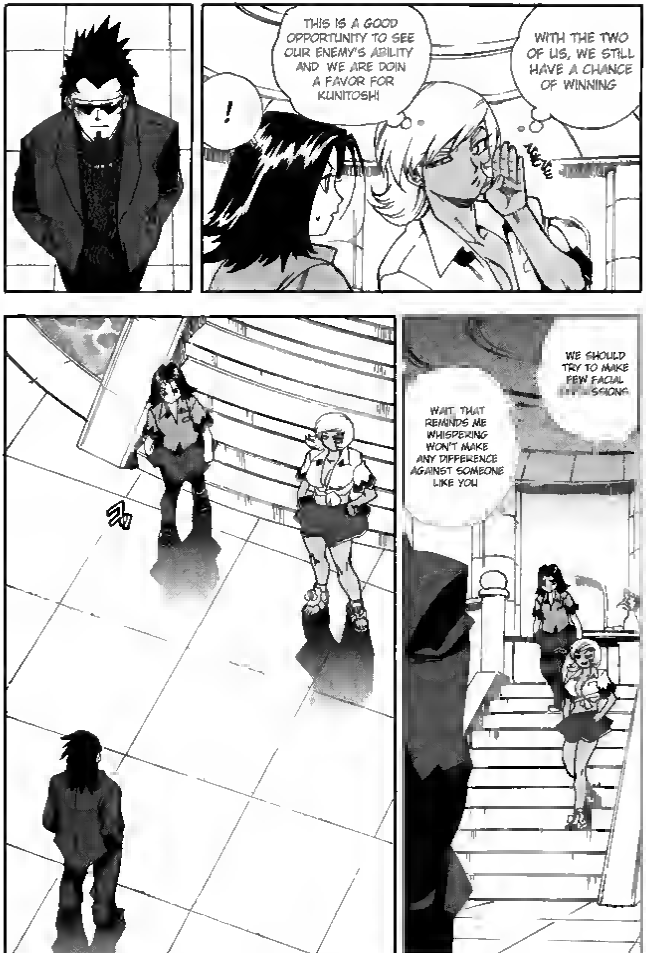

TAKATORI-SAN, YOUR SUCH A MEANIE...
HA... HE REALLY IS HELPLESS.

HOW CAN THAT BE!?
WHY AM I FLYING IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION AS I MOVED!?

YOU AND KAGEYASU REALLY MAKE A GOOD COUPLE. BEATING PEOPLE UP TO MAKE THEM YOUR MAIL DELIVERER...
OKAY, WE'LL JOIN YOUR GAME.

WHAT... HEEE!?
JUST WHAT I WANTED TO SAY. WE'LL GO TOGETHER.
PERFECT...
RIGHT?

AS A HANDICAP, I DON'T MIND IF YOU TWO TAKE ME ON AT ONCE.
IT MAKES THINGS FAST.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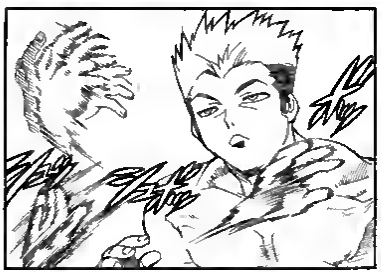
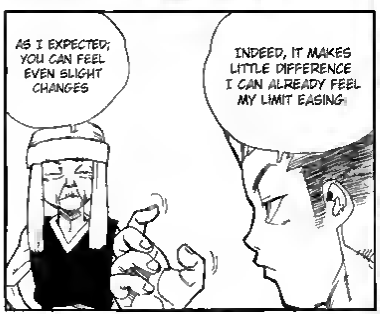
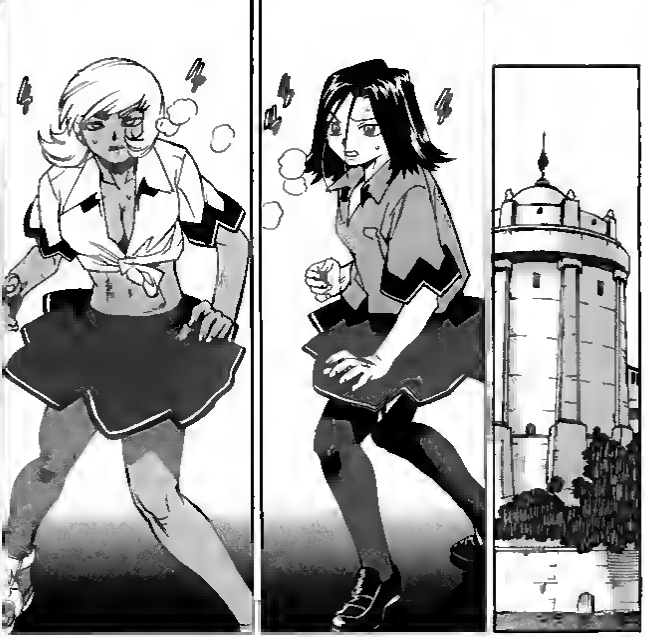
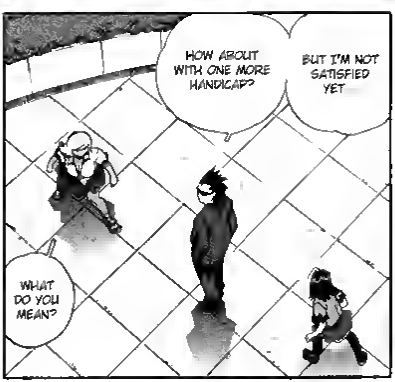
THIS IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO SEE OUR ENEMY'S ABILITY AND WE ARE DOIN A FAVOR FOR KUNITOSHI
WITH THE TWO OF US, WE STILL HAVE A CHANCE OF WINNING
KUKUKU
WE SHOULD TRY TO MAKE FEW FACIAL EXPRESSIONS
WAIT, THAT REMINDS ME WHISPERING WON'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE AGAINST SOMEONE LIKE YOU




AS I EXPECTED; YOU CAN FEEL EVEN SLIGHT CHANGES
INDEED, IT MAKES LITTLE DIFFERENCE I CAN ALREADY FEEL MY LIMIT EASING

CLIMBING 100M FROM THE BASE OF THE MOUNTAIN IS NOT THE SAME AS CLIMBING 100M FROM ITS PEAK
IT'S LIKE WHEN YOU ARE CLIMBING A MOUNTAIN NO MATTER HOW HIGH THE MOUNTAIN IS THE DIFFICULTY LEVEL IS NOT THE SAME EVERYWHERE
BUT THE DIFFICULT PART STARTS HERE
PR 100M ROUGHLY EQUALS 330FT
FRANKLY, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE NOW
ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY THAT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO CURE ME BACK TO 100% POWER AGAIN?
WE SHOULD TAKE EVERY THING THAT WE CAN GET FOR NOW LATER ON...
WHAT'S WITH THIS MOOD? I NEVER EXPECTED THAT MUCH ANYWAY



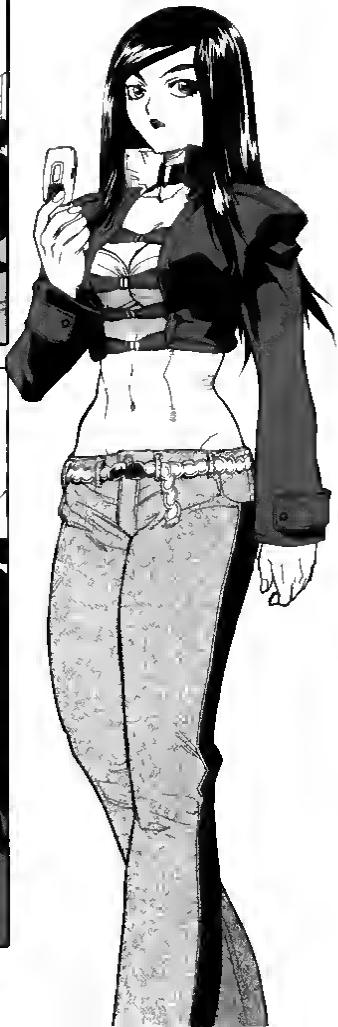

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
HOW ABOUT WITH ONE MORE HANDICAP?
BUT I'M NOT SATISFIED YET

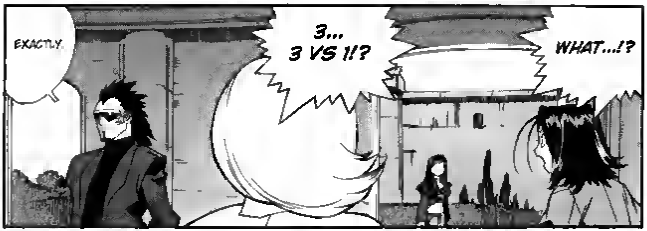
AND THAT'S NOT FLATTERY
YOU ARE BETTER THAN I THOUGHT

IS HE CALLING FOR BACK UP!?
HUH? MAIL?
WELL I GUESS YOU COULD CALL IT BACK UP IN A WAY...
I TOLD YOU I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU ANOTHER HANDICAP BUT IT'S NOT BACK UP

KA. KAGEYASU-SAN.
HIS OWN GIRLFRIEND
SO IT REALLY IS BACK UP.

I TOLD YOU ALREADY. IT'S BACK UP, BUT ITS NOT FOR ME.
IT'S YOURS.

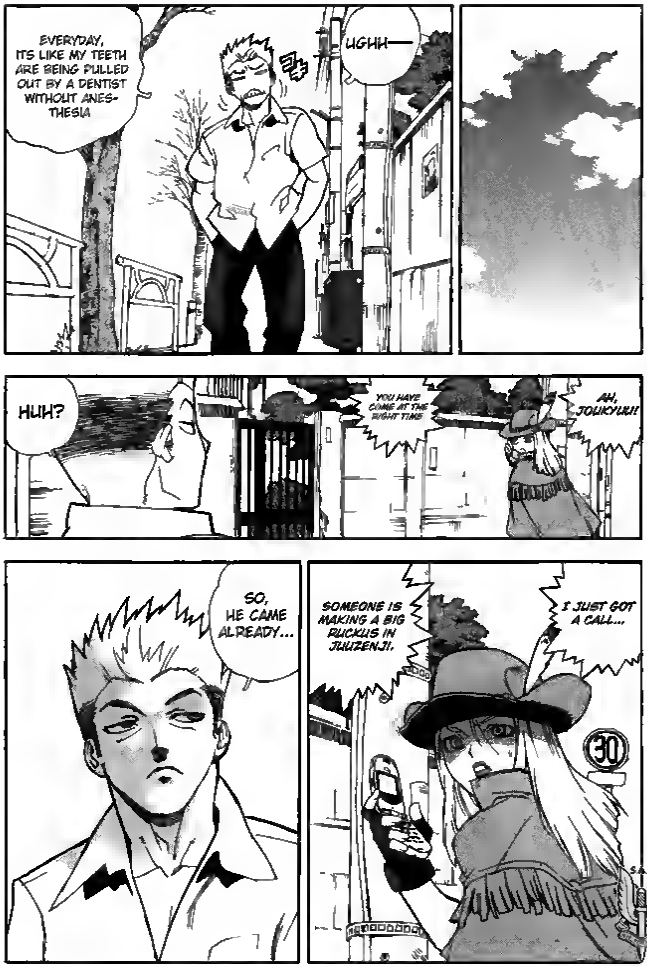



EXACTLY.
3...
3 VS 1!?
WHAT...!?

FOR YOUR INFORMATION I ALSO HAVE THE INTENTION OF STOPING YOU, SO I'M NOT GOING TO HOLD ANYTHING BACK...
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS...?

IF IT'S 3 VS 1, I WON'T GET A BAD REPUTATION FOR BEATING UP WOMEN
THE ONLY REASON WHY I SPECIALLY TOOK YOU HERE WITH ME IS THIS
MAKING KAGEYABU OUR ALLY HE S REALLY MAKING A FOOL OF US
BUT PERHAPS WE CAN WIN NOW!

DON'T ACT LIKE YOU'RE THE LEADER!
YES!
LET'S GO GIRLS! LET'S GO FULL THROTTLE, RIGHT FROM THE START!


EVERYDAY, ITS LIKE MY TEETH ARE BEING PULLED OUT BY A DENTIST WITHOUT ANES-THESIA
UGHH—
HUH?
YOU HAVE COME AT THE RIGHT TIME
AH, JOLIKYUU!
SO, HE CAME ALREADY...
SOMEONE IS MAKING A BIG RUCKUS IN JUUZENJI.
I JUST GOT A CALL...
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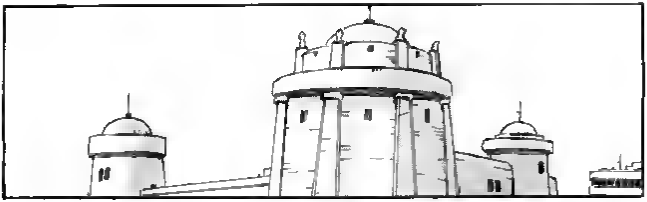
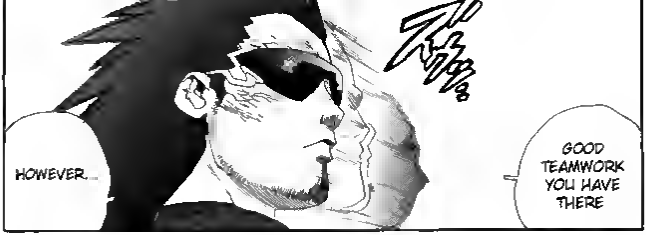
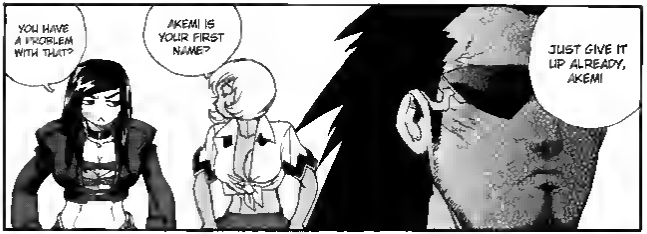


HE... HE IS STRONG...
UGHH...!

DAMN YOU!
HYA—!


GOOD TEAMWORK YOU HAVE THERE
HOWEVER...

IT'S MEANINGLESS AGAINST MY READING ABILITY
DAMN IT DIDN'T WORK! HE ANTICIPATED IT ALL.
YOU ARE HIS GIRLFRIEND, RIGHT? DON'T YOU KNOW HIS WEAKNESS?
YES I AM HIS GIRLFRIEND HOWEVER...
EVEN IF WE KNOW THE SECRET BEHIND HIS ABILITY, IT'S NOT SOMETHING WE CAN DO IMMEDIATELY...


YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT?
AKEMI IS YOUR FIRST NAME?
JUST GIVE IT UP ALREADY, AKEMI

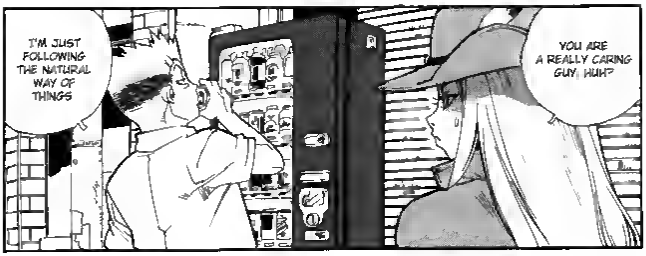
I'M WONDERING WHETHER I SHOULD STILL FIGHT JOUKYUU!?
I MIGHT BE STRONGER THAN HIM NOW...
BESIDES, IF THE BUILDING OF THE "ROAD" IS FINISHED MY SHARE WILL BE AS WELL ...

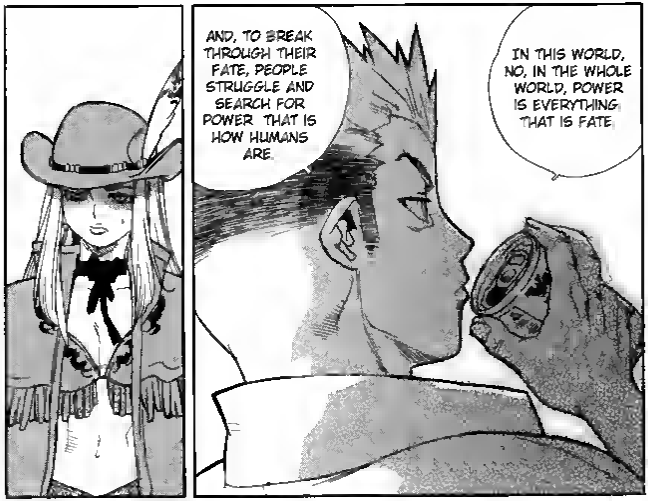
I CAN STILL GET A BETTER CALL IF I CAN BEAT JOUKYUU!
EVEN THOUGH IT IS NOT HIS GOLDEN AGE ANYMORE
THE "ROAD"?
THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU TO STOP IT.

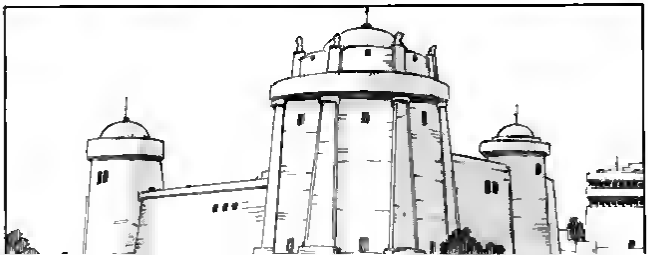
!!
WHAT THE...?
WHAT'S WITH THIS GIRL?

I HAVE ALWAYS HAD A STRANGE FEELING ABOUT HER AND NOW SHE'S COMING UP WITH THIS SURPRISE ATTACK.
THIS GIRL AMONG THE THREE, SHE IS THE HARDEST TO READ
YOU ARE HARD TO READ, BUT NOT UNREADABLE.
THIS IS ODD SHE SHOULD BE THE WEAKEST ONE OF THE THREE
IF AKEMI AND TAKATORI DIDN'T SHOW THEIR SURPRISE JUST NOW I WOULD HAVE BEEN HIT

I DON'T WANT THIS GAME TO HAVE A BITTER END
LET'S CALL IT A DAY, SHALL WE?
PERHAPS I SHOULD CALL YOU WONDER GIRL
WOW, YOU ARE SURPRISINGLY GOOD
I DON'T NEED THAT
THEY ARE BEING LUCKY TO GET ONLY SCRATCHES, AREN'T THEY?
IF YOU CONSIDER THIS TO BE LESSON FOR THEM, THEN IT'S A GOOD THING FOR THEM TO GET BEATEN.
EVEN IF I RUN I WON'T MAKE IT IN TIME
WHY ARE YOU SO CALM?


I'M JUST FOLLOWING THE NATURAL WAY OF THINGS
YOU ARE A REALLY CARING GUY, HUH?


AND, TO BREAK THROUGH THEIR FATE, PEOPLE STRUGGLE AND SEARCH FOR POWER. THAT IS HOW HUMANS ARE.
IN THIS WORLD, NO, IN THE WHOLE WORLD, POWER IS EVERYTHING. THAT IS FATE.



HE READ EVERYTHING
EVEN OUR PLANNED TRAPS DIDN'T WORK

LET'S STOP THIS BEFORE YOU GET REALLY HURT
WITH ONLY WILL POWER, YOU WON'T GET ANYWHERE.

IF WE JUST GO AFTER HIM, WE WILL NEVER CATCH UP
HIS READING LEVEL IS FAR TOO HIGH AND EVEN KAGEYASU-SAN'S SPEED COULDN'T DO ANYTHING

HOW TO COPE WITH MY READING AND SPEED
DON'T USE YOUR MIND TO FIGURE OUT
!!
YOU THERE UHM KIZUKI RIGHT?
WEALTH AND HONOR ARE ALL GONE.
BUT THIS "SERIOUSNESS" IS NOT LIKE THE RUBBISH THAT COMES FROM THE MOUTHS OF SOME PUNKS.
TO BET YOUR OWN EXISTENCE, THIS IS TRUE "SERIOUSNESS."
YOU ARE THE WEAKEST ONE HERE BUT ON THE OTHER HAND THERE IS SOMETHING IN YOU THAT SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN LIGHTLY
PEOPLE WILL SOMEDAY BECOME WHAT THEY WANT AS LONG AS THEY KEEP THINKING AND MOVING SERIOUSLY

I AGREE WITH YOU.
YOU ARE STILL YOUNG YET YOU SAID SOMETHING MATURE
IT SEEMS THAT YOU GUYS ARE TAKING A BREAK.
SINCE I TOOK MY TIME TO COME HERE I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE OVER LONG AGO. WITH HIM ALREADY ON HIS WAY HOME

UGHH
KUNI-TOSHI
JOUKYUU-SAN
DON'T TELL ME YOU ARE CURED ALREADY!?
WHAT'S WITH THE TONE. YOU ARE NOT EVEN BETTER THAN KAGEYAGU YOURSELF
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THAT YOU DIDN'T GET ANY SERIOUS INJURIES
AHH— YOU ARE ALL WORN OUT, MIU AND KAGEYAGU
YOU ARE STILL NOT CURED YET?
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
I'M STILL FAR FROM THERE
NOPE

FROM THE REACTION YOU SHOWED EARLIER, YOU MUST THINK THAT I CAN BE CURED
UNFORTUNATELY IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE ME WHOLE AGAIN
IT WAS KIND OF YOU TO MAKE ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS
YOU ARE THE BROTHER OF THE TEN KNIGHTS CAPTAIN, RIGHT?
ALL OF THIS WAS FOR NOTHING
LET'S NOT BOTHER THEM ANYMORE. AKEMI WE ARE LEAVING
IS THAT SO? THAT'S TOO BAD...
YOU WANT TO KNOW SOMETHING?
WHEN SOMEONE LOSES ONE OF THEIR FIVE SENSES, IN ORDER TO MAKE UP FOR THE LOST SENSE THE OTHER FOUR SENSES WILL IMPROVE BEYOND THE ORDINARY
WE WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE YOUR TRUE SKILL ANYMORE

AS AN EXCHANGE I ALSO HAVE A CHANCE TO GAIN SOMETHING, TOO. DON'T YOU THINK?
IN MY CASE IT'S NOT ABOUT MY FIVE SENSES A LIMITER WAS SET INTO MY BODY
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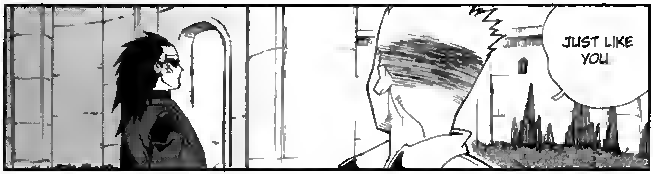
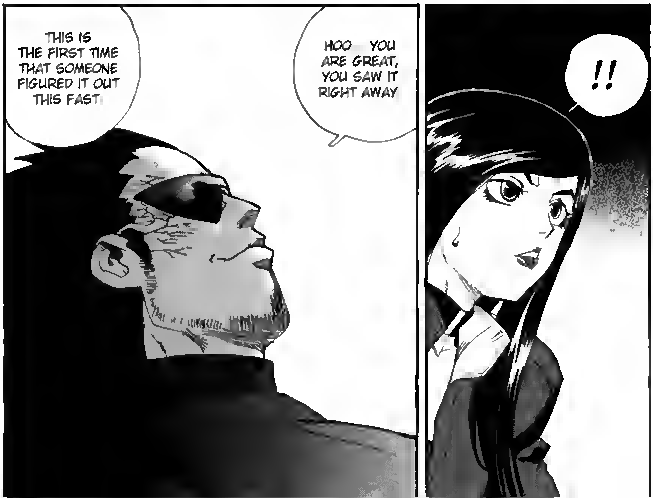

JUST LIKE YOU


THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT SOMEONE FIGURED IT OUT THIS FAST.
HOO YOU ARE GREAT, YOU SAW IT RIGHT AWAY
!!

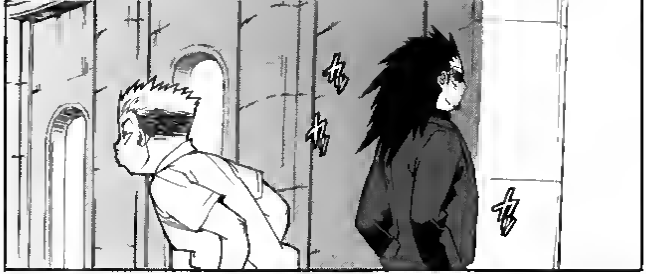
YOU'RE KIDDING ME!?
HEH!?
HE IS BLIND.
THIS GUY...

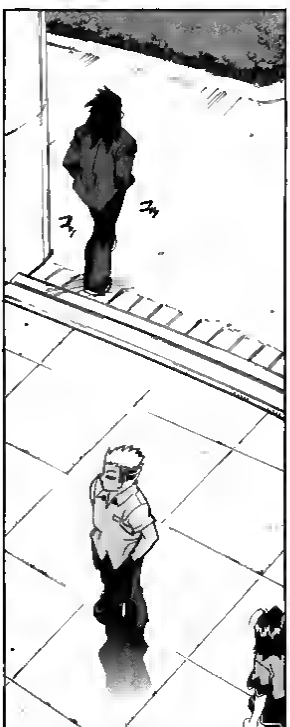
IS IT BECAUSE OF THAT SCAR ON YOUR FACE?
BUT, HIS EYESIGHT IS SO WEAK, HE ALMOST SEES NOTHING.
WELL, TO BE PRECISE, HE MIGHT JUST HAVE BAD EYES.

FOR DEAF PEOPLE THEIR MOVEMENT RECOGNITION IMPROVES AND THEIR FIELD OF VISION WIDENS
IT'S LIKE A TREE WHEN ONE BRANCH IS BROKEN, THE OTHERS AROUND IT GROW OUT AND COVER THE HOLE, FILLING IN FOR WHAT'S MISSING
LOTS OF THEM CAN COMPREHEND A CONVERSATION THAT IS PLAYED THREE TIMES FASTER THAN A NORMALLY SPOKEN CONVERSATION
COMPARED TO A NORMAL PEOPLE A BLIND PERSON HAS FAR BETTER HEARING...
WENT TO SHINAGAWA BY EXPRESS TRAIN YESTERDAY FROM THE STATION
IN EXTREME CASES SOME CAN COMPREHEND FIVE TIMES FASTER
THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY PROBLEM AS LONG THE OTHER SKILL IS STRENGTHENS GREATLY TO COMPENSATE FOR IT...
SPD
DEF
AGI
SKL
IN A RPG GAME IF A CHARACTER IS LACKING IN ONE SKILL...
POWER
SPEED
DEF
AGI
SKILL
THEY HAVE TO SACRIFICE ANOTHER SKILL AS PAYMENT
PEOPLE WHOSE ONE SKILL IS EXTREMELY HIGH,

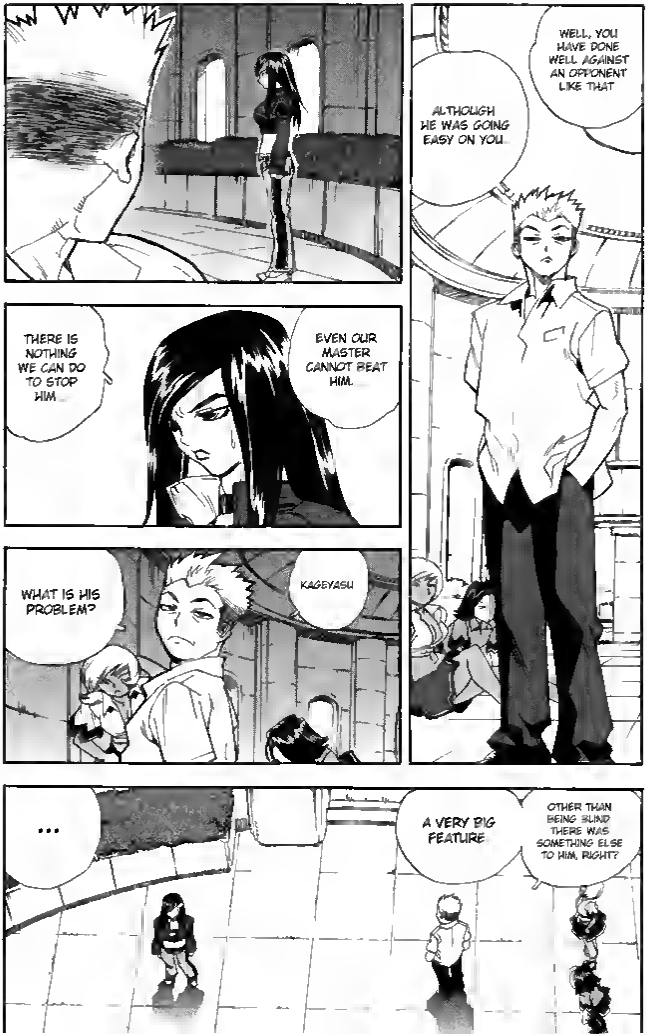
I WON'T TELL YOU.
AS FOR THAT,
LEAVING OUT THE LIMITER, WHAT WAS YOUR SACRIFICE?
HOO..

WITH THIS I CAN WIN EASILY
NOT YET,
I AM GUARANTEED TO LOSE
YOU ARE RIGHT





DAMN—
I COULDN'T LAY A SINGLE HIT ON HIM
HE LEFT
AFTER ALL THE TENSION IS GONE YOU'RE OPENING YOUR LEGS QUITE WIDE.


WELL, YOU HAVE DONE WELL AGAINST AN OPPONENT LIKE THAT
ALTHOUGH HE WAS GOING EASY ON YOU...
EVEN OUR MASTER CANNOT BEAT HIM...
THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO TO STOP HIM...
KAGEYASU
WHAT IS HIS PROBLEM?
OTHER THAN BEING BLIND THERE WAS SOMETHING ELSE TO HIM, RIGHT?
A VERY BIG FEATURE
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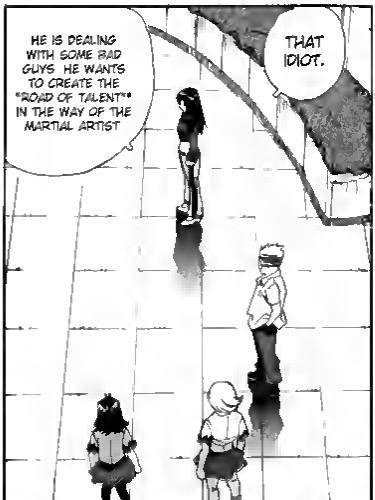

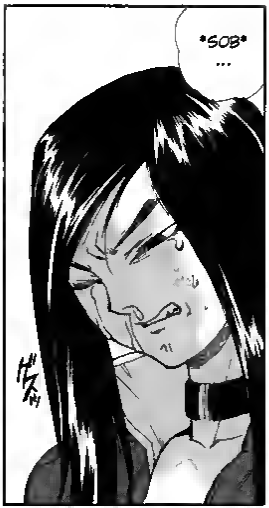

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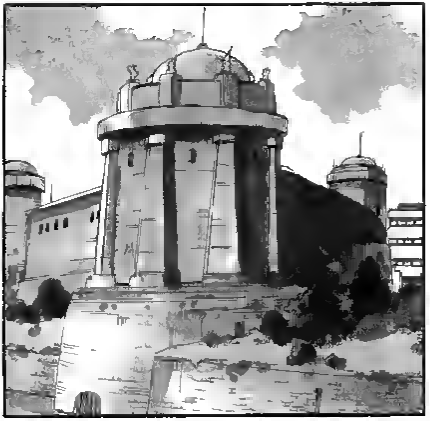


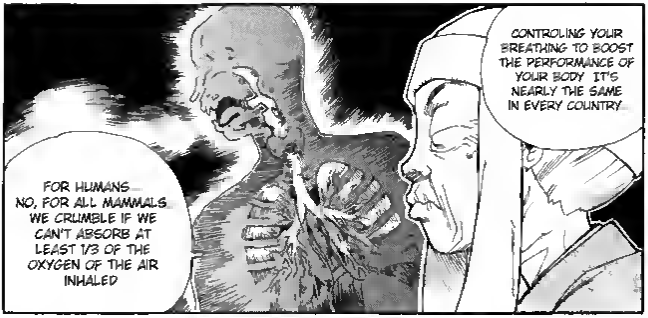
DOES HE GET INVOLVED WITH THE YAKUZA?
BAD GUYS?

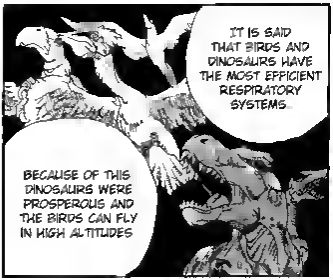
HE IS DEALING WITH SOME REALLY BAD GUYS! HE WANTS TO CREATE THE "ROAD OF TALENT" THROUGH THE WAY OF THE MARTIAL ARTIST
THAT IDIOT...

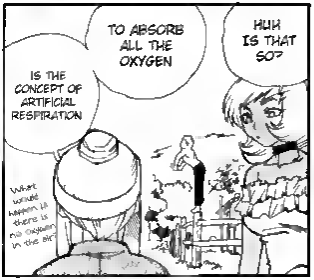
HE DIDN'T EVEN TELL ME ALL THE DETAILS...
HE WANTS TO CREATE A GROUP OF SKILLED PEOPLE FROM RYOUBU THAT TAKE NEITHER THE SIDE OF THE GOVERNMENT NOR THE SIDE OF THE UNDERWORLD SOCIETY.
FOR A LONG TIME NOW THERE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN YOUNGSTERS WHO ARE CONFIDENT IN THEIR OWN ABILITIES AND AIM TO MAKE THEIR IDEALS TRUE...
AN ATTEMPT TO BE SUCCESSFUL EVERY TIME. EVERYWHERE.
THAT IS SURE DANGEROUS
THEY WILL BE TARGETED FROM BOTH SIDES
NEITHER ABOVE
NOR BELOW?

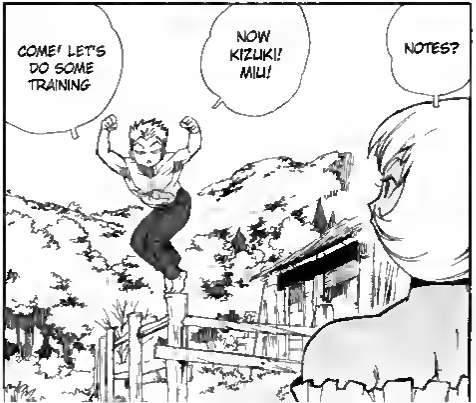
I DON'T CARE ANYMORE ...
IF MASTER CAN'T DO IT, THEN I'LL FIGURE OUT SOMETHING MYSELF...
GEEZ—
IN THE END, WE ARE JUST DRAGGED INTO A QUARREL BETWEEN A COUPLE AREN'T WE?
AT THIS RATE, SHE WILL THINK THAT I'M USELESS. SO IRRITATING...
IT SEEMS THAT I HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE

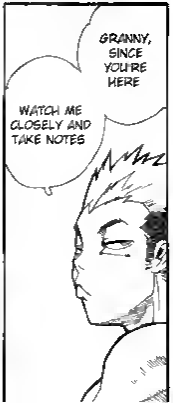
YET ALL HE'S DOING IS TAKING DEEP BREATHES...
HERE I THOUGHT THAT HE HAD BUILT UP SOME MOTI-VATION...
WHAT'S THIS?
YOU HAVEN'T MOVED AT ALL!
?
PHUH! I THINK I HAVE WARMED UP ENOUGH
TO BREATH LIKE WHEN PRACTICING QIGONG IS NOT EASY
HE'S DONE THE WARM UP REALLY WELL
EH, GRANNY
SO, HE IS READY NOW


CONTROLING YOUR BREATHING TO BOOST THE PERFORMANCE OF YOUR BODY IT'S NEARLY THE SAME IN EVERY COUNTRY
FOR HUMANS NO, FOR ALL MAMMALS WE CRUMBLE IF WE CAN'T ABSORB AT LEAST 1/3 OF THE OXYGEN OF THE AIR INHALED


IT IS SAID THAT BIRDS AND DINOSAURS HAVE THE MOST EFFICIENT RESPIRATORY SYSTEMS
BECAUSE OF THIS DINOSAURS WERE PROSPEROUS AND THE BIRDS CAN FLY IN HIGH ALTITUDES


HUH IS THAT SO?
TO ABSORB ALL THE OXYGEN
IS THE CONCEPT OF ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION
What would happen if there is no oxygen in the air


COME! LET'S DO SOME TRAINING
NOW KIZUKI! MIU!
NOTES?


GRANNY, SINCE YOU'RE HERE
WATCH ME CLOSELY AND TAKE NOTES

HUH?
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU? ITS SO SUDDEN OF YOU...
ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO TEACH US SOMETHING?
IS HE TRYING TO PULL A JOKE?
KUNITOSH WILL ACTUALLY TEACH US SOMETHING?
WAIT, WAIT. WE'LL DO IT, WE'LL DO IT.
THAT'S FINE WITH ME
SO, YOU DON'T WANT IT
DO YOU NOT WANT ME TO TEACH YOU SOMETHING?
HURRY UP!

C'MON, GET HOLD OF YOURSELVES
YOU'LL BE HIT IF YOU DON'T FOCUS MORE
UGH.
UWA.
YOU STILL REMEMBER THE FEELING WHEN YOU FOUGHT KARASUMARU, RIGHT?
USE THAT FEELING TO FIGHT ME NOW.

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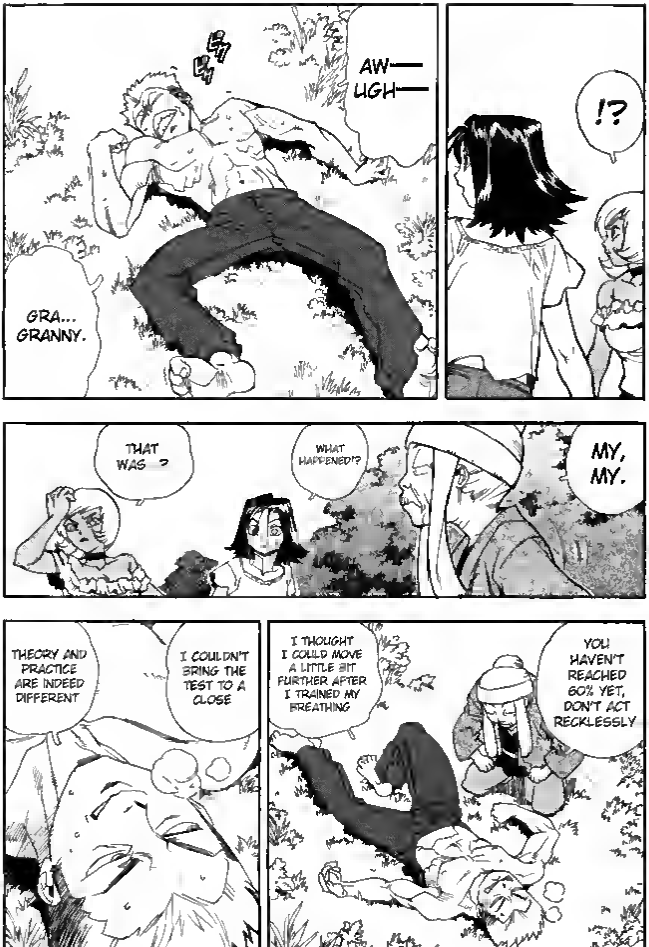
HO—
SO THEY CAN STILL FOLLOW MY MOVE-MENTS
FIGHTING WITH KAGEYASU MUST HAVE FORCED THEIR SENSES TO BECOME MORE ACCUSTOMED TO THESE SPEEDS

TAKE THIS...
HEY
C'MON !!!

THIS IS... NO, IT'S DIFFER-ENT...
WHAT!?

HUH!?
WHAT'S... THIS IS...
IT'S TRANS-FORM-ING!?
AW!
IT HURTS!
OUCH!
ARG—!!!
OWOW OWOW!


GRA... GRANNY.
AW— UGH—
!?
THAT WAS ?
WHAT HAPPENED!?
MY, MY.
THEORY AND PRACTICE ARE INDEED DIFFERENT
I COULDN'T BRING THE TEST TO A CLOSE
I THOUGHT I COULD MOVE A LITTLE BIT FURTHER AFTER I TRAINED MY BREATHING
YOU HAVEN'T REACHED 60% YET, DON'T ACT RECKLESSLY

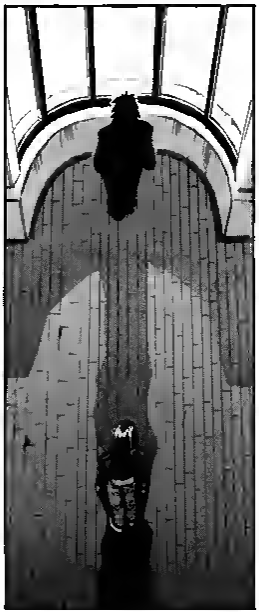
YOU HAVE SEEN THE ONE KAGEYASU USES, RIGHT? THE TECHNIQUE IS A KIND OF...
I CALL THE ONE KAGEYASU USES THE "WIND STEP."
THAT WAS AN UPPER CLASS TECHNIQUE, JUST NOW, RIGHT?
NOW, EXPLAIN IT TO US, KUNITOSHI.
THE ONE I USED JUST NOW IS ABOVE "THE WIND STEP." IT'S THE "THUNDER STEP"... ALMOST.
IN MY GOLDEN DAYS, I COULD PUT OUT MORE THAN THAT EASILY.
AND THE ONE YOU USED JUST NOW IS ABOVE IT?
THE "WIND STEP"...
I WANTED TO TRY TO GO A BIT BEYOND IT...
BUT MY JOINTS WERE DISLO-CATED

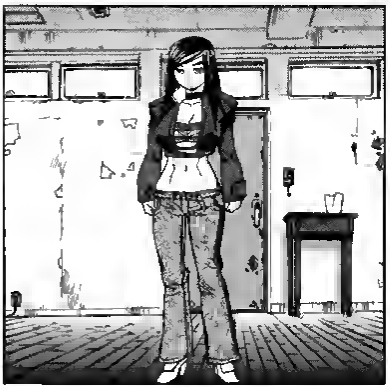
MY JOINTS WERE DISLOCATED JUST FROM TRYING IT! IT'S NOT AS EASY AS YOU MAKE IT OUT TO BE.
IF HE COULD EVEN MAKE IT... HEH
IF YOU CAN MAKE IT THIS FAR, YOU CAN BEAT THAT CROW...
ISN'T THAT GREAT.
ABOVE IT AND ABOVE IT YET AGAIN...
IT MEANS THAT ALL OF THIS...
WAIT A SECOND
EXACTLY...
EXACTLY HOW STRONG COULD THE 100% JOUKYUU-SAN BE...?
BUT YOU JUST USED US TO TEST YOUR OWN BODY!
KUNITOSHI, YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO TEACH US...
SOWWY

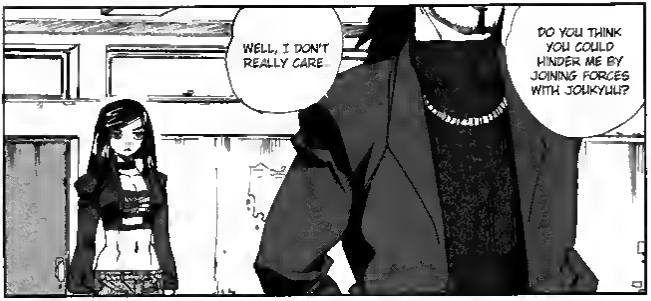
TN: CROW REFERS TO KARASUWARU DAIK. THE KANJI FOR KARASU MEANS CROW

ZION

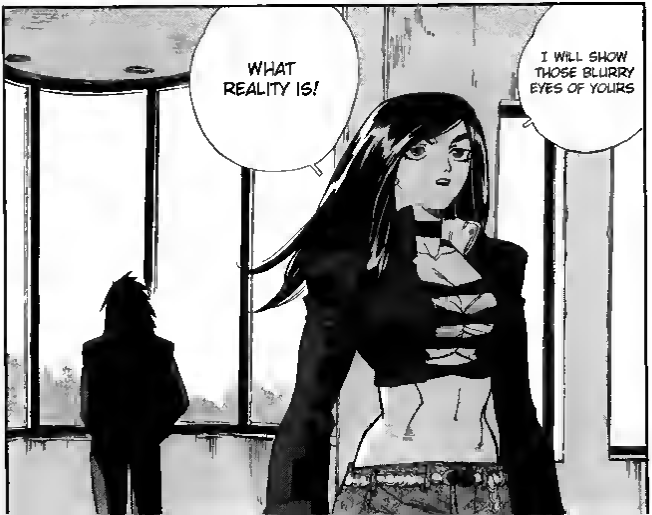
AKEMI?
ARE YOU GOING TO LEAVE ME,



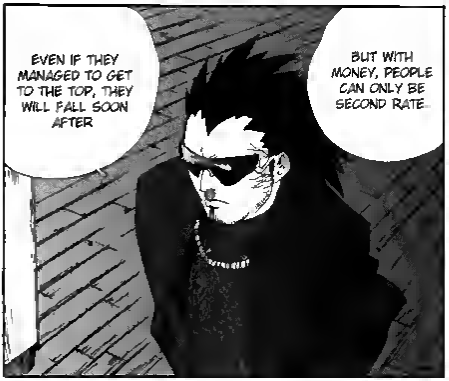



WELL, I DON'T REALLY CARE
DO YOU THINK YOU COULD HINDER ME BY JOINING FORCES WITH JOUKYUU?

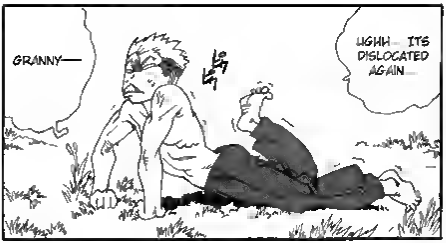
I WILL LEAVE FOR NOW
BUT I WILL CERTAINLY COME BACK

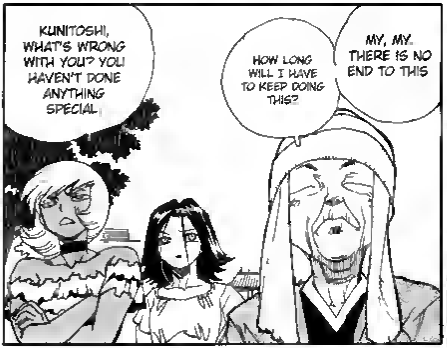

WHAT REALITY IS!
I WILL SHOW THOSE BLURRY EYES OF YOURS

WITH MONEY PEOPLE CAN GET NEARLY ANYWHERE TO SOME EXTENT


EVEN IF THEY MANAGED TO GET TO THE TOP, THEY WILL FALL SOON AFTER
BUT WITH MONEY, PEOPLE CAN ONLY BE SECOND RATE

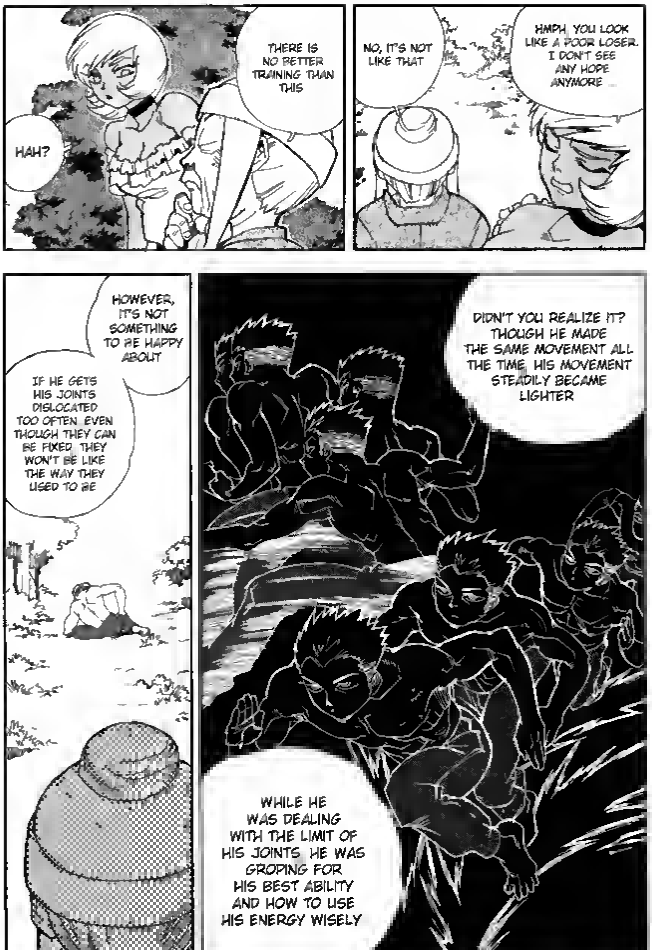
TO STAY ON THE TOP..
ONLY POWER CAN DO THAT

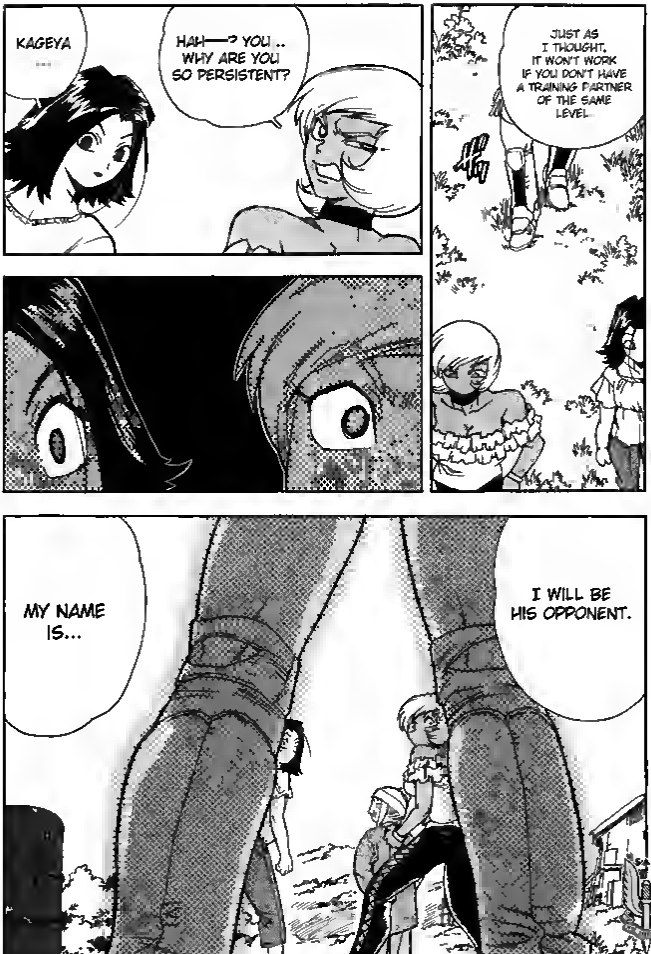

GRANNY——
UGHH... ITS DISLOCATED AGAIN...


KUNITOSHI, WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? YOU HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING SPECIAL.
HOW LONG WILL I HAVE TO KEEP DOING THIS?
MY, MY. THERE IS NO END TO THIS

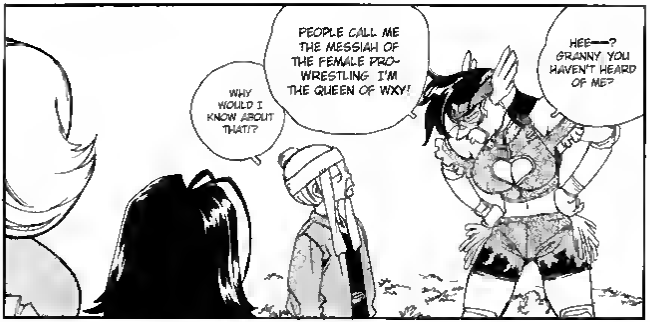
GWOA.

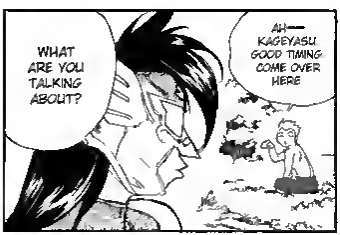
IDIOT... HOW COULD YOU CALL THIS NOT SPECIAL?
I'LL GET RUSTY IF I DON'T DO A TRAINING LIKE THIS

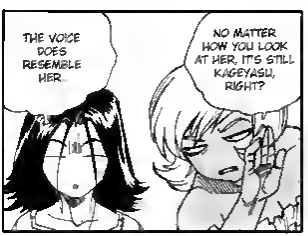

HAH?
THERE IS NO BETTER TRAINING THAN THIS
NO, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT
HMPH. YOU LOOK LIKE A POOR LOSER. I DON'T SEE ANY HOPE ANYMORE
HOWEVER, IT'S NOT SOMETHING TO BE HAPPY ABOUT
IF HE GETS HIS JOINTS DISLOCATED TOO OFTEN, EVEN THOUGH THEY CAN BE FIXED, THEY WON'T BE LIKE THE WAY THEY USED TO BE
DIDN'T YOU REALIZE IT? THOUGH HE MADE THE SAME MOVEMENT ALL THE TIME, HIS MOVEMENT STEADILY BECAME LIGHTER
WHILE HE WAS DEALING WITH THE LIMIT OF HIS JOINTS, HE WAS GROPING FOR HIS BEST ABILITY AND HOW TO USE HIS ENERGY WISELY


KAGEYA
...
HAH——? YOU .. WHY ARE YOU SO PERSISTENT?
JUST AS I THOUGHT. IT WON'T WORK IF YOU DON'T HAVE A TRAINING PARTNER OF THE SAME LEVEL.
MY NAME IS...
I WILL BE HIS OPPONENT.

"JOAN, THE SHADOW" TO THE RESCUE!
WHO IS THIS FREAK?


HEE——? GRANNY YOU HAVEN'T HEARD OF ME?
PEOPLE CALL ME THE MESSIAH OF THE FEMALE PRO-WRESTLING I'M THE QUEEN OF WXY!
WHY WOULD I KNOW ABOUT THAT!?


AH—— KAGEYASU. GOOD TIMING COME OVER HERE
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?


NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT HER, IT'S STILL KAGEYASU, RIGHT?
THE VOICE DOES RESEMBLE HER.

YOU HAVE MISTAKEN ME WITH SOMEONE ELSE
BUT THAT'S OK, I WILL STILL BE YOUR OPPONENT
WELL, WHATEVER
WHOA, SHE IS SERIOUS ABOUT HIDING HER TRUE IDENTITY
FOR SOME REASON, I PITY HER
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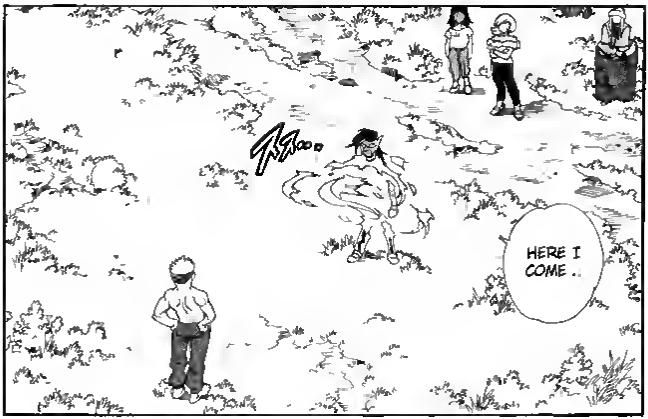
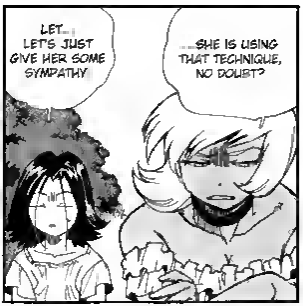
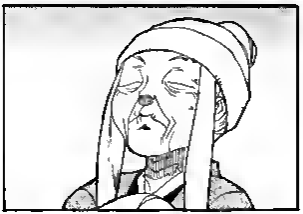
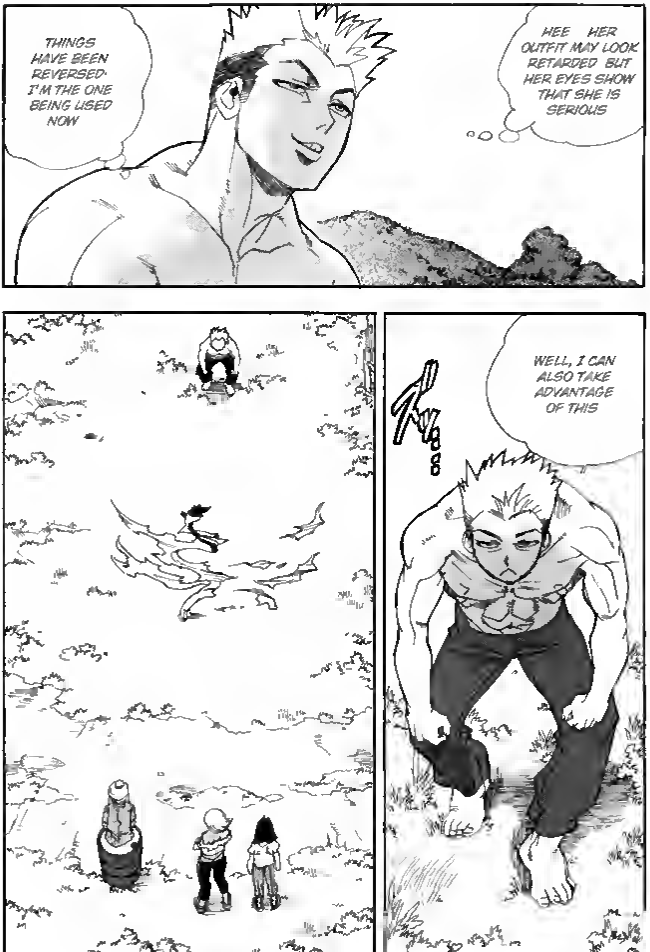

HERE I COME..

THIS IS THE ONLY THING THAT I CAN DO NOW
TO GET STRONGER ALL SO THAT I WON'T LOSE TO MASTER.. AND TO DAIKI!


LET... LET'S JUST GIVE HER SOME SYMPATHY
...SHE IS USING THAT TECHNIQUE, NO DOUBT?




THINGS HAVE BEEN REVERSED. I'M THE ONE BEING USED NOW
HEE HEE HER OUTFIT MAY LOOK RETARDED BUT HER EYES SHOW THAT SHE IS SERIOUS
WELL, I CAN ALSO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS
RUSH

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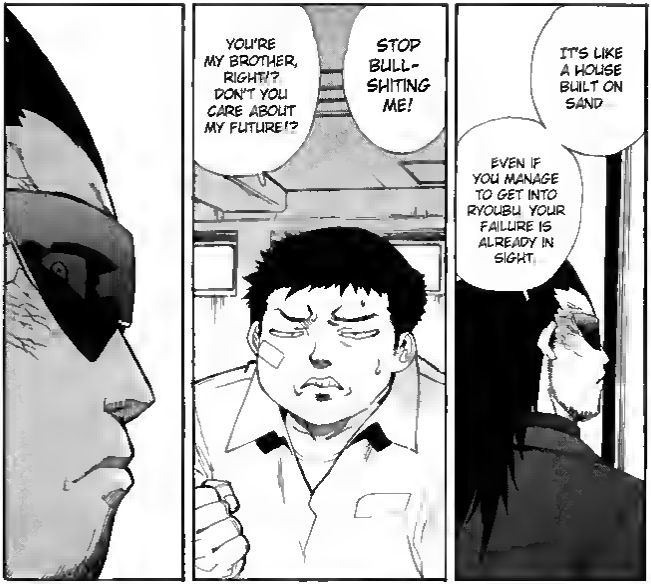
Chapter 19

SLUM
NO, I'M NOT!
SO YOU'RE BACK KOSUKE
I'M FAR FROM COMING BACK; I'M IN A SLUMP!
I HAVE NO PLACE IN JUJIZENJI ANYMORE
AND MY RECOMMENDATION TO RYOUBU IS ALSO GONE


IT'S LIKE A HOUSE BUILT ON SAND
EVEN IF YOU MANAGE TO GET INTO RYOUBU YOUR FAILURE IS ALREADY IN SIGHT
STOP BULL-SHITING ME!
YOU'RE MY BROTHER, RIGHT!? DON'T YOU CARE ABOUT MY FUTURE!?

FUTURE, YOU SAY!?

WELL... THE ROUTE YOU TAKE DEPENDS ON HOW FAR YOU CAN GO.
THERE ARE ALWAYS WAYS TO SURVIVE IF YOU CAN GO BEYOND THE ORDINARY.
HOW ABOUT IF WE POLISH THAT ABILITY OF YOURS HERE?
DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN SURVIVE IN THE WORLD OF MARTIAL ARTS WITH THAT HALF ASSED ABILITY?
DUE TO YOU DEPENDING ON ME AS YOUR BACKUP.
THE BIGGEST REASON YOUR ABILITY IS HALF-ASSED IS, WITHOUT A DOUBT,

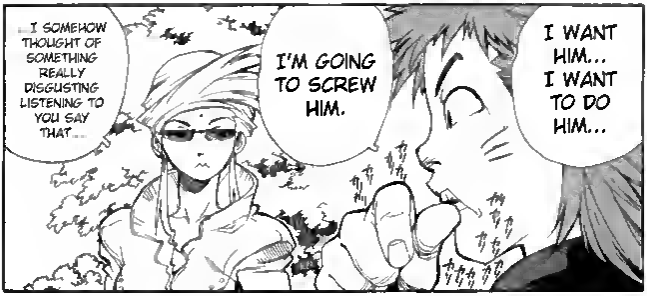
AW——
HOW WAS IT GRANNY? DID YOU WRITE DOWN EVERY-THING IN YOUR MEMO?
NOT ONLY IN THE MEMO, BUT I ALSO TOOK ON A LOT OF STRESS
YOU HAD ME BUSY TAKING CARE OF YOU AND YOUR CONSTANTLY DISLOCATED JOINTS
WHAT MOVEMENTS YOU MAKE WITH WHAT POWER AND AT WHAT ANGLE ARE ALL THINGS THAT CAN LEAD TO DISLOCATION OF JOINTS
IF WE DON'T TAKE THIS INTO CONSIDERATION, IT WILL BE HARD TO MAKE ANY PROGRESS WITH THE TREATMENT
MEMO?
IT'S THE SAME AS HIS MEDICAL RECORD.

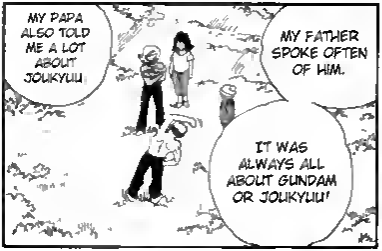
ON THE OTHER HAND
IN THE END HER POWER IS STILL STRONGER THAN MINE
HAS JOUKYUU-SAN REGAINED HIS POWER BACK...?
COULDN'T KAGEYASU HAVE JUST FOUGHT BETTER?

YOU COULD HAVE BEATEN KAGEYASU THAT TIME IF YOU HAD WANTED TO?
KUNI-TOSHI, COULD IT BE...
AND ABOVE ALL ELSE OUR EXPERIENCE AND MAXIMUM INSTANTANEOUS SPEEDS ARE DIFFERENT.
HOWEVER... I HAVE DONE ENOUGH WARMING UP THIS TIME...
WHO SAID THAT KUNITOSHI IS EVEN FEMININE IN THE SLIGHTEST!?
HOO...
PERHAPS HE WAS JUST BEING NICE TO A GIRL?
THIS EXPERIENCE WAS A GREAT CHANCE TO JUMP START THE ENGINE, AGAIN.
HMMM... I FEEL THE SENSATION OF WORKING AT FULL THROTTLE IS COMING BACK.

NOTE: HE IS BASICALLY SAYING THAT IT REMINDED HIM OF HIS ORIGINAL POWER AND MOTIVATED HIM FURTHER TO GAIN IT BACK.

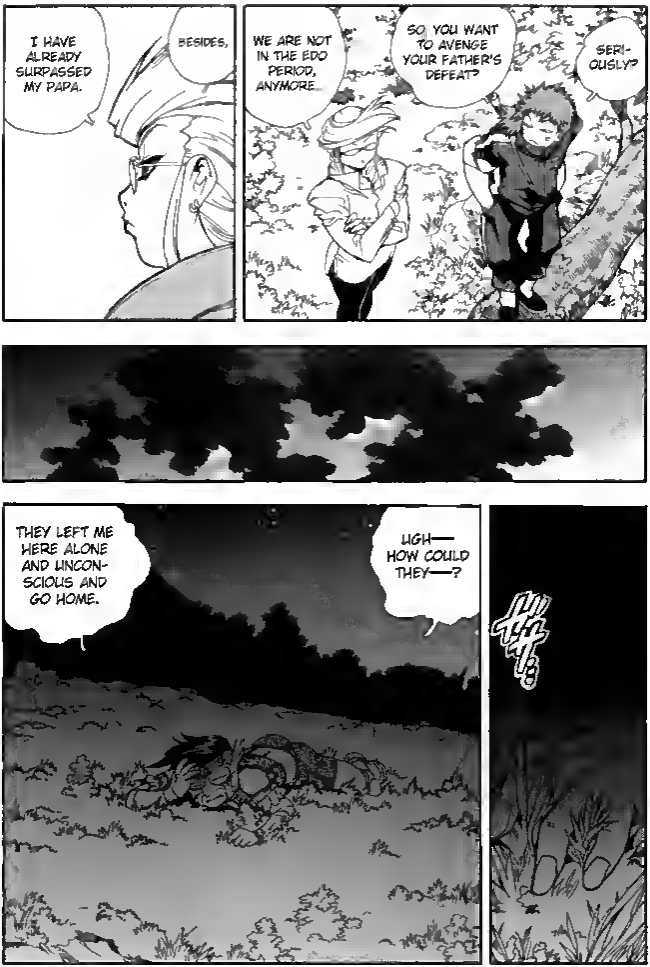
SO IT SEEMS.
THAT ONE IS JOUKYUU?


I WANT HIM... I WANT TO DO HIM...
I'M GOING TO SCREW HIM.
I SOMEHOW THOUGHT OF SOMETHING REALLY DISGUSTING LISTENING TO YOU SAY THAT...


MY FATHER SPOKE OFTEN OF HIM.
MY PAPA ALSO TOLD ME A LOT ABOUT JOUKYUU.
IT WAS ALWAYS ALL ABOUT GUNDAM OR JOUKYUU!

KARASU SAID THAT HE IS NOT WORTH IT ANYMORE.
I WANT HIM...

IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, HE HAD ALREADY CRUSHED A LOT OF WELL KNOWN MARTIAL ARTISTS. HE WAS FAMOUS FOR THAT.
MY PAPA WAS ALSO BEATEN TO A PULP BY HIM DURING THAT TIME


I HAVE ALREADY SURPASSED MY PAPA.
BESIDES,
WE ARE NOT IN THE EDO PERIOD, ANYMORE...
SO YOU WANT TO AVENGE YOUR FATHER'S DEFEAT?
SERI-OUSLY?
THEY LEFT ME HERE ALONE AND UNCON-SCIOUS AND GO HOME.
UGH— HOW COULD THEY—?
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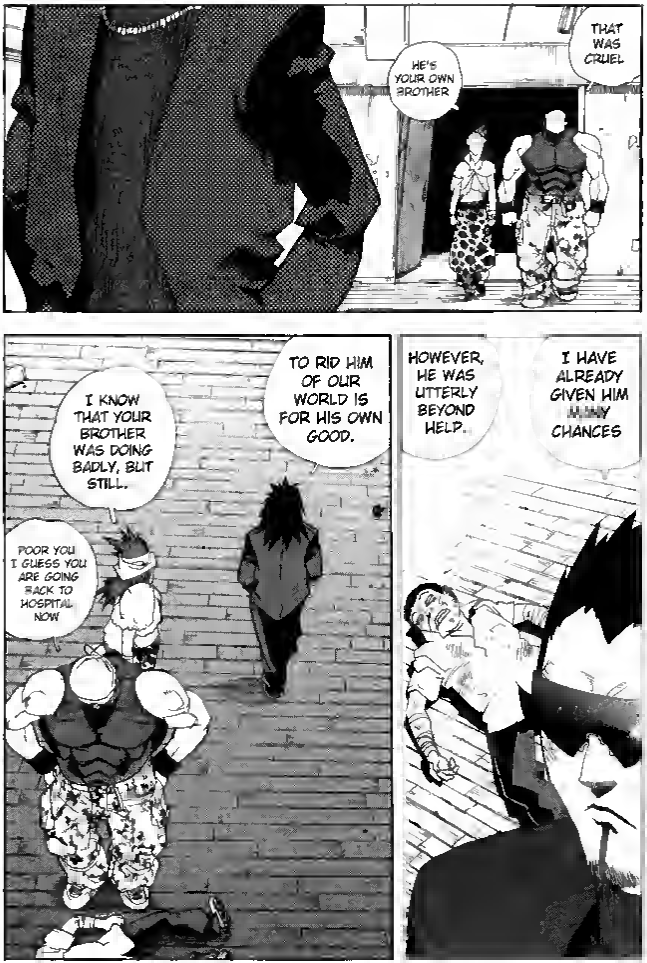
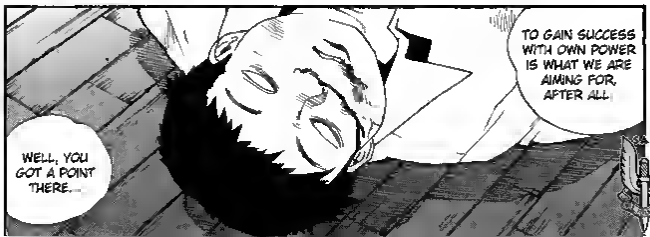
MASTER CAN NOT BE TAKEN LIGHTLY...
NEVERTHE-LESS, THEY ARE SO MEAN...
I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER HOW I LOST...
BUT I NEVER THOUGHT THAT I COULD BE BEATEN THAT EASILY...

GET OUT OF MY SIGHT.
I'M NOT GOING TO HELP YOU ANYMORE


THAT WAS CRUEL
HE'S YOUR OWN BROTHER
I KNOW THAT YOUR BROTHER WAS DOING BADLY, BUT STILL.
TO RID HIM OF OUR WORLD IS FOR HIS OWN GOOD.
POOR YOU I GUESS YOU ARE GOING BACK TO HOSPITAL NOW
I HAVE ALREADY GIVEN HIM MANY CHANCES
HOWEVER, HE WAS UTTERLY BEYOND HELP.

HE SURE WAS NO MERCY, THAT KARASU.
WELL, CLIMBING RANK SIMPLY FROM HAVING CONNECTIONS ONLY WON'T MAKE THE PERSON HIMSELF HAPPY. IT WILL ALSO BOTHER THE PEOPLE AROUND HIM.


TO GAIN SUCCESS WITH OWN POWER IS WHAT WE ARE AIMING FOR, AFTER ALL.
WELL, YOU GOT A POINT THERE...

BUT WE GOT SOMETHING OUT OF THAT RIGHT?
GEEZ... IT FELL BACK AGAIN BY ABOUT ONE PERCENT...

HUH? IS HE AN ACUPUNCTURE APPOINT-MENT?
GRANDMA, THERE IS A CUSTOMER FOR YOU!

WELL...
WITH THIS DATA, I THINK WE CAN MAKE MORE PROGRESS

THIS YOUNG GUY IS EXTREMELY STUBBORN
WELL NO THE THING IS...

HOW DID YOU FIGURE IT OUT SO FAST!?
YOU LIAR. WHAT DID YOU COME HERE FOR?

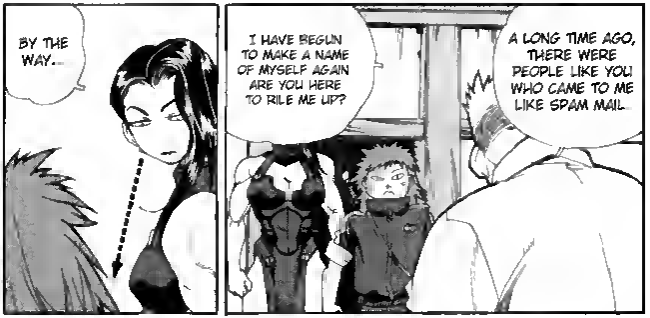
I CAN TELL WHETHER SOMEONE NEEDS ACUPUNCTURE SIMPLY BY LOOKING AT THEM
IT SEEMS THAT I HAVE BEEN TAKEN LIGHTLY

CAN I GET ACUPUNCTURE TREATMENT?
YO——, I'M THE PATIENT!

WHOA, I WAS SEEN THROUGH AGAIN!?
ARE YOU COMING HERE TO PICK A FIGHT?
THAT'S ALSO A LIE

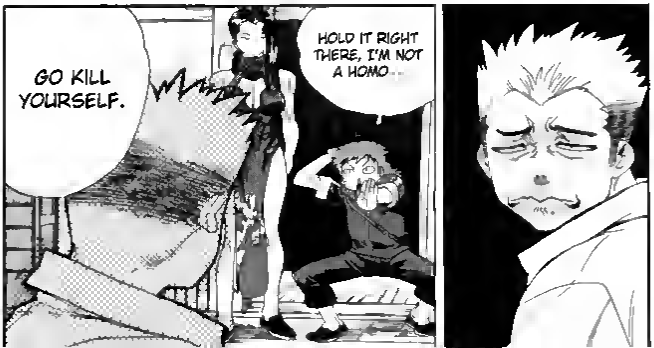
I WAS HOPING THAT A COULD GET A AUTO-GRAPH
AH ACTUALLY I'VE BEEN A FAN OF JOUKYUU-SAN FOR A LONG TIME NOW

BEYOND THAT, I WASN'T IN ANY SPORTS MAGAZINES OR NEWSPAPERS.
I WAS FAMOUS ONLY IN THE WORLD OF MARTIAL ARTS.

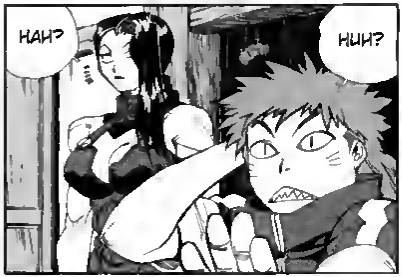

BY THE WAY...
I HAVE BEGUN TO MAKE A NAME OF MYSELF AGAIN ARE YOU HERE TO RILE ME UP?
A LONG TIME AGO, THERE WERE PEOPLE LIKE YOU WHO CAME TO ME LIKE SPAM MAIL.

NO WAY IT WOULD ONLY MAKE ME DIE IN VAIN
GRANNY, COULD YOU USE YOUR ACUPUNCTURE TO MAKE THIS IDIOT OPEN HIS EYES!?
DAMN IT! ARE YOU GUYS SETTING ME UP!?
WHOA!? I'VE BEEN CAUGHT THREE TIMES IN A ROW!?
WHY DID YOU BRING THAT BIG MACHETE ON YOUR BACK?

I'M HERE TO SCREW WITH JOUKYUU-SAN.
I'M A MEMBER OF THE KEMPO CLUB IN RYOUBU HIGH, SAWATARI SEIJI!


GO KILL YOURSELF.
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, I'M NOT A HOMO...

DO YOU WANT TO TRY TO FIGHT HIM?
HMM, HOU ME!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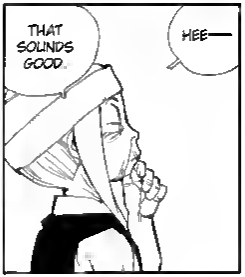
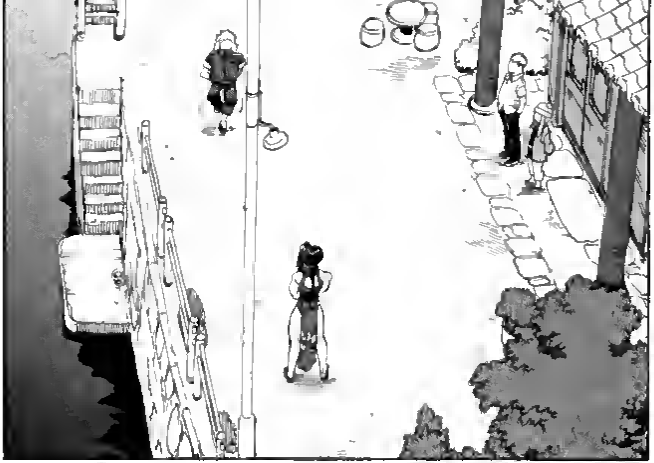

HEE——
THAT SOUNDS GOOD.

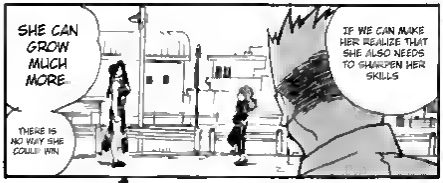
THIS WILL REMIND YOU OF HOW TO FIGHT.
HE USES CHINESE KEMPO JUST LIKE YOU.

WHY ME!?
M... ME!?
YOU HAVE GROWN DULL LATELY
THIS IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU, HOU ME!

YOU'VE GOT TO BE JOKING.
ARE YOU GOING TO RUN AWAY?
OR PERHAPS YOU'RE SCARED AFTER HEARING THAT HE IS FROM RYOUZEN?

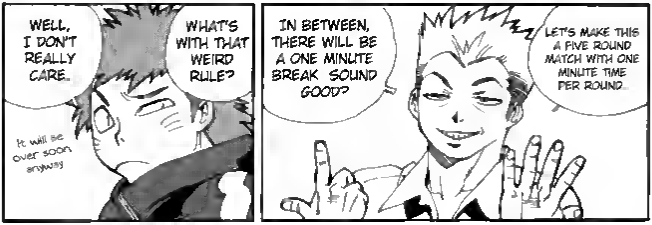
YOUR BODY IS WELL BUILT, BUT YOU HAVE NEGLECTED YOUR SKILL.
YOU HAVE LET YOUR GUARD DOWN.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, CONVERSING AMONGST YOUR-SELVES?
HEY!
I WON'T LET ANY JAPANESE PUNK BEAT ME IN KEMPO.
FINE, THEN.
"OH, LISTEN TO ME WHEN I'M SPEAKING."
REALLY? YOU'RE SERIOUS, RIGHT?
'EH?
IF YOU CAN WIN AGAINST THAT MUSCULAR WOMAN OVER THERE I WILL BE YOUR OPPONENT
YOU THERE. ERRR... WHAT WAS YOUR NAME AGAIN? WELL... IT DOESN'T MATTER
WHAT DID YOU SAY? YOU BRAT!
BUT I CAN SEND HER TO SLEEP IN FIVE SECONDS
HEHE... SHE SEEMS TO BE STRONG ON THE OUTSIDE.



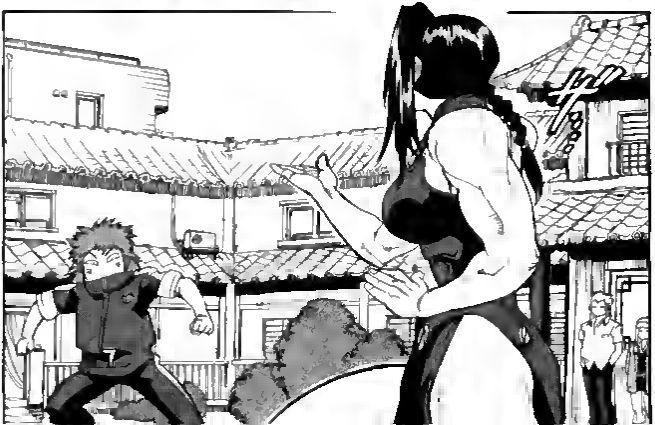

SHE CAN GROW MUCH MORE.
THERE IS NO WAY SHE COULD WIN.
IF WE CAN MAKE HER REALIZE THAT SHE ALSO NEEDS TO SHARPEN HER SKILLS

THAT GIRL ALWAYS RELIES ON HER PHYSICAL STRENGTH FOR EVERYTHING
THIS WILL BE A GOOD EXPERIENCE FOR HOU MEI
AND HER SKILL IS BECOMING ROUGH

WHAT? YOU ARE SO TROUBLE-SOME
WAIT! BEFORE WE BEGIN I HAVE ONE REQUEST


WELL, I DON'T REALLY CARE..
WHAT'S WITH THAT WEIRD RULE?
It will be over soon anyway
IN BETWEEN, THERE WILL BE A ONE MINUTE BREAK SOUND GOOD?
LET'S MAKE THIS A FIVE ROUND MATCH WITH ONE MINUTE TIME PER ROUND.

I JUST WANT TO MAKE THIS MATCH INTER-ESTING
THANK YOU FOR HELPING HER



HYAA !!!
GEEZ THIS GIRL REALLY HAS NO SKILL
WHOA SHE IS CHARGING STRAIGHT IN

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25 SECONDS
HOW MANY SECONDS?

SHE IS LIKE A HIGH HORSE-POWER ENGINE RUNNING AT A LOW RPM.
THOSE MUSCLES ARE ONLY A BOTHER
THOUGH SHE WAS A GENIUS WHEN SHE WAS JUST A LITTLE KID..
HYAA!

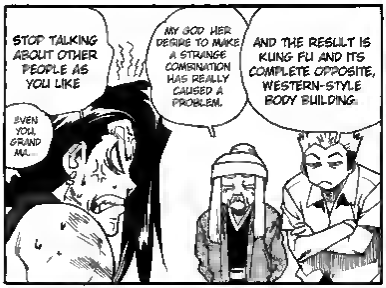
HOP!
LET ME SEE... 45 SECONDS
HEY, HOW MANY SECONDS?
THERE IS NO HOPE
AW, A SANDBAG

CAT FIST !!!
LET'S FINISH THIS!
NOT THAT I CAN REMEMBER
HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF "CAT FIST" BEFORE?
FURIOUS BELLY KICK!

IT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE IT EVEN EXISTS
SOUNDS ORIGINAL
THOSE ORDINARY ATTACKS CANNOT DEFEAT ME!
THESE MUSCLES ARE NOT JUST FOR DECORATION,

FIRST ROUND IS OVER
SHE IS TOUGHER THAN I THOUGHT
TCH!
YOU ARE BEATEN QUITE BADLY
DAMN! I SHOULD NOT HAVE AGREED TO THESE RULES!
WHEN SHE WAS SEVEN YEARS OLD, SHE COULD ALREADY RELEASE HER INNER POWER
THIS GIRL WAS EXPECTED TO BECOME A GENIUS UNTIL SHE REACHED THE AGE OF TEN
WOW THAT IS QUITE AN ACHIEVEMENT
HAVE YOU FIGURED IT OUT YET? YOU CONCENTRATE ONLY ON THE POWER OF YOUR BODY. YOUR SPEED AND FLEXIBILITY ARE REALLY BAD
TO RUIN THE ADVANTAGES THAT KUNG FU CAN GIVE YOU IS THE MOST IDIOTIC THING YOU CAN DO

ESPECIALLY THIS GIRL WHEN SHE WAS TEN, SHE BEGAN TO GROW RAPIDLY. AT FOURTEEN, SHE WAS ALREADY AS BIG AS AN AVERAGE ASIAN.
HOWEVER, GIRLS TEND TO REACH ADULT-HOOD FASTER THAN THE BOYS.


STOP TALKING ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE AS YOU LIKE
EVEN YOU, GRAND MA...
MY GOD. HER DESIRE TO MAKE A STRANGE COMBINATION HAS REALLY CAUSED A PROBLEM.
AND THE RESULT IS KUNG FU AND ITS COMPLETE OPPOSITE, WESTERN-STYLE BODY BUILDING.

FOR CHILDREN, PHYSICAL POWER IS PREFERABLE TO A TECHNIQUE THAT NO ONE CAN SEE
SINCE THEN, SHE HAS BEEN OBSESSED WITH WEIGHT TRAINING

...IT'S IRRITATING, BUT JOUKYUU IS RIGHT...
...IT'S PAINFUL, BUT I WOULD BE IN BIG TROUBLE WITHOUT THIS BREAK...

HEY YOU GUYS!
THE BREAK IS ALREADY OVER! LET'S START QUICKLY!

SECOND ROUND
URYA——!!!
HE IS BECOMING AGGRESSIVE
IT'S BECAUSE HE'S STILL A BRAT INSIDE HE'S LOST HIS PATIENCE ALREADY
WELL, IF YOUR MUSCLES ARE REALLY THAT THICK...
THEN I WILL AIM FOR THE AREAS WITHOUT IT

NO MATTER HOW HARD SHE GUARDS HERSELF, THERE IS ALWAYS A LIMIT TO HOW MUCH CAN BE GUARDED
HE IS FINALLY TARGETING THE FACE AND JOINTS
I'LL BEAT YOU DOWN!
DON'T BE SO PERSISTENT, YOU MUSCLE WOMAN!
KNOCK IT OFF...

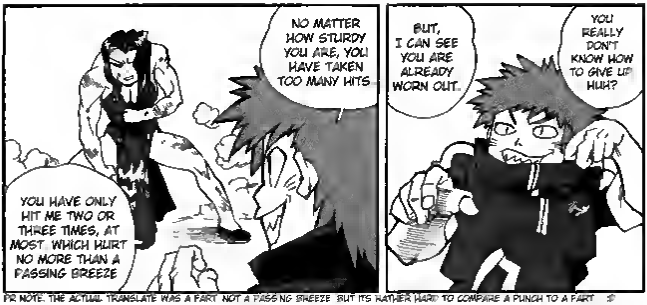
WHAT THE HECK!? DO WE HAVE TO COUNT TO TEN!?
ONE
TWO
DOWN
ARG—! STOP MESSING WITH ME!
OW
SECOND ROUND IS OVER
EIGHT
NINE
THE ONLY OPTION YOU HAVE IS TO THINK OF HOW YOU CAN MAKE USE OF THOSE MUSCLES AND FIND A WAY OUT.
BECAUSE OF THOSE MUSCLES YOUR BODY IS SOLID. ALTHOUGH YOU HAVE FIGURED OUT A NEED TO GET RID OF THOSE MUSCLES IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN IN A DAY
AH— IT'S SADDENING TO SEE A GIRL'S FACE BEATEN UP
SAVED BY THE BELL, HUH
SHUT UP!

YOU WERE ONCE CALLED A GENIUS, RIGHT?
DON'T PUT YOUR FACE SO CLOSE
YOU HAVE THAT AS WEAPON.
IF YOU CAN'T USE YOUR MUSCLES AS A WEAPON, THEN THINK OF USING THEM AS A SHIELD.
TRY TO FIND SOMETHING ELSE AS A WEAPON JUST THINK ABOUT IT.
ARE YOU JUST GOING TO MOCK ME ABOUT THESE MUSCLES OR WHAT?
MAKING USE OF THOSE MUSCLES DOESN'T MEAN THAT YOU HAVE TO FIGHT USING ONLY THOSE MUSCLES.
I NEED TO DO SOMETHING...
THIRD ROUND FIGHT
I'LL DEFINITELY CLEAN EVERYTHING UP THIS TIME
DAMN IT, THAT BLOCKHEAD IS GIVING ME A LOT OF TROUBLE

!?
OI OI! ARE YOU GOING TO ONLY GUARD THIS TIME?
DO YOU THINK THAT YOU CAN BUY TIME WITH THAT?

I GOT YOU?!
YOU!
UGH!

SHE IS TRYING TO WEAKEN HER ENEMY, LITTLE BY LITTLE.
IT TOOK HER TWENTY TO THIRTY PUNCHES OF THE ENEMY JUST TO LAY A SINGLE HIT...
THOSE MUSCLES SHE IS SO PROUD OF, WHICH GAVE HER THAT IRON WALL, ARE GOING TO COLLAPSE SOON
THAT TACTIC HAS ITS LIMIT, TOO.
HOWEVER...


NO MATTER HOW STURDY YOU ARE, YOU HAVE TAKEN TOO MANY HITS
YOU HAVE ONLY HIT ME TWO OR THREE TIMES, AT MOST. WHICH HURT NO MORE THAN A PASSING BREEZE
BUT, I CAN SEE YOU ARE ALREADY WORN OUT.
YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW HOW TO GIVE UP HUH?

PR NOTE: THE ACTUAL TRANSLATE WAS A FART NOT A PASSING BREEZE BUT ITS RATHER HARD TO COMPARE A PUNCH TO A FART :P

LET'S NOT WAIT ANY LONGER AND BEGIN THE SHOW!
AND NOW— MY CAT FIST WILL FINISH YOU!
I'LL TRY TO RESEARCH IT LATER
HMM— I DON'T KNOW... THERE ARE SO MANY STYLES
I KNOW THAT THE CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS HAVE 4000 YEARS OF HISTORY. BUT DOESN'T "CAT FIST" JUST SOUND TOO WEIRD?

NYAA——
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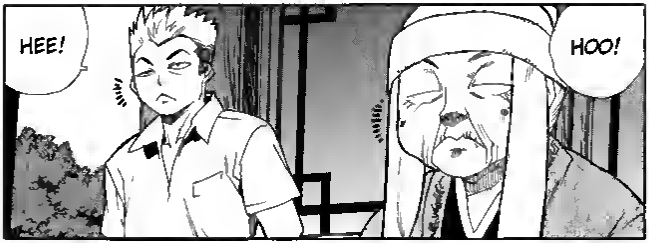
HUH?
WHAT IS HAPPENING!?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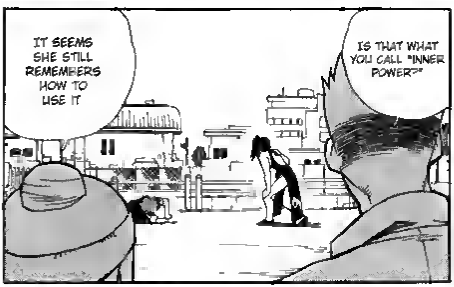
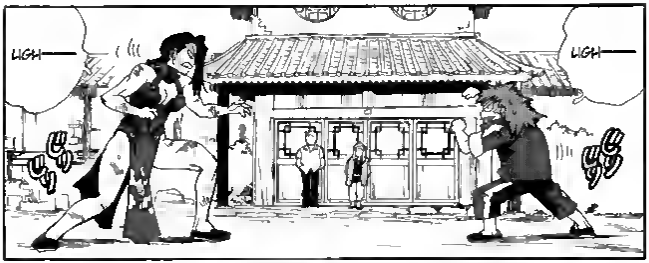

IT SEEMS SHE STILL REMEMBERS HOW TO USE IT
IS THAT WHAT YOU CALL "INNER POWER?"

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I HAVE SEEN CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS...

LOOKS LIKE IT STILL WORKS A BIT.
IT'S BEEN A VERY LONG TIME SINCE I LAST USED IT...

COULD... COULD IT BE THAT YOU!?
WH... WHAT HAPPENED!? I SUDDENLY LOST MY POWER

HOW WAS IT? IT SEEMS LIKE NOTHING ON THE OUTSIDE,
BUT YOUR INTERNAL ORGANS AND NERVES SHOULD BE TEMPORARILY LAPSING NOW
TO LAY ONE OR TWO HITS WITH INNER POWER...
JUST FOR THAT, I WAS PREPARED TO TAKE AS MANY HITS AS NECESSARY.
THEN, I AM NOT GOING TO LOSE EITHER
STOP IT ALREADY!
THAT MUST BE IT LIKE THE ENERGY RELEASE
WHAT'S WITH THAT CHILDISH IMAGINATION!?
THAT IS IT, RIGHT? LIKE THE ONE WITH THE KAME**MEHA?
FOR REAL!
AWESOME!
Is he really a martial artist?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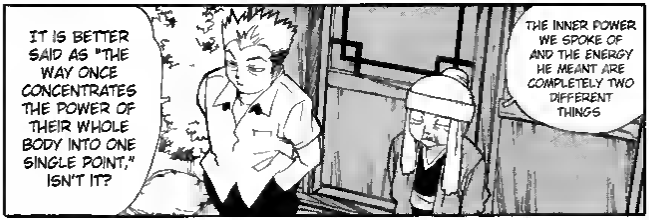
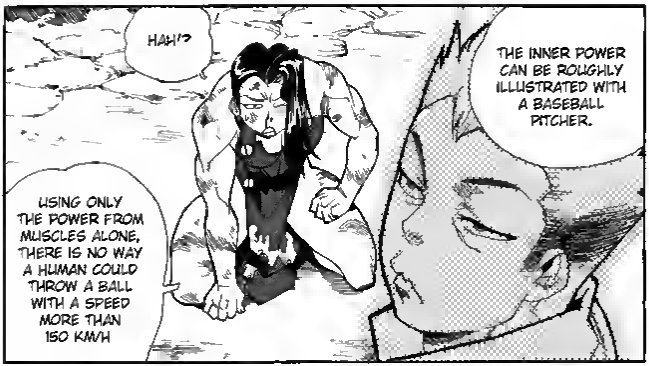

IT IS BETTER SAID AS "THE WAY ONCE CONCENTRATES THE POWER OF THEIR WHOLE BODY INTO ONE SINGLE POINT," ISN'T IT?
THE INNER POWER WE SPOKE OF AND THE ENERGY HE MEANT ARE COMPLETELY TWO DIFFERENT THINGS

OKAY, THE THIRD ROUND IS OVER.
BUT BOTH OF THEM ARE NO LONGER IN ANY STATE TO KEEP FIGHTING
FOR HER TO BE ABLE TO RELEASE HER INNER POWER WITH THAT STRAINED BODY IS AMAZING.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!? WE SHOULD BE EQUAL, NOW...
YOU ARE AT YOUR LIMIT, I GUESS
SO TRUE
pant
pant
pant
LOOK AT HIM YOURSELF
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THE INNER POWER YOU USED?
WHAT WOULD YOU EXPECT FROM A SUPERFICIAL INNER POWER!?
HE IS ALSO AN EXPERT, SO HE CAN RECOVER FAST.
HE... HE CAN MOVE ALREADY!?
HUFF!
DAMN IT! I CAN'T USE MY POWER.


HAH!?
USING ONLY THE POWER FROM MUSCLES ALONE, THERE IS NO WAY A HUMAN COULD THROW A BALL WITH A SPEED MORE THAN 150 KM/H
THE INNER POWER CAN BE ROUGHLY ILLUSTRATED WITH A BASEBALL PITCHER.

ALL OF THIS COMBINED POWER IS THEN BROUGHT INTO THE BALL TO MAKE A FASTBALL
STARTING FROM THE TIPTOE, COMBINING THE CHAIN MOVEMENT OF THE BODY'S BALANCE AND THE MUSCULAR SYSTEM, USING THE ENERGY PRODUCED BY THE ROTATION OF THE BODY AND TRANSMITTING IT TO THE HAND...

WITH THAT SOLID BODY OF YOURS, THERE IS NO WAY YOU COULD RELEASE YOUR INNER POWER PERFECTLY
NO MATTER HOW GREAT YOUR INSTINCT STILL IS...
LEARN FROM THE PAST!
IN JAPAN, YOU ARE LIKE A RIPPED OUT SHINOZUKA

NOTE: IN THIS CASE "INSTINCT" REFERS TO HOU MEI'S INNER POWER INSTINC

TN NOTE: REFER TO SHINOZUKA KAZUNORI

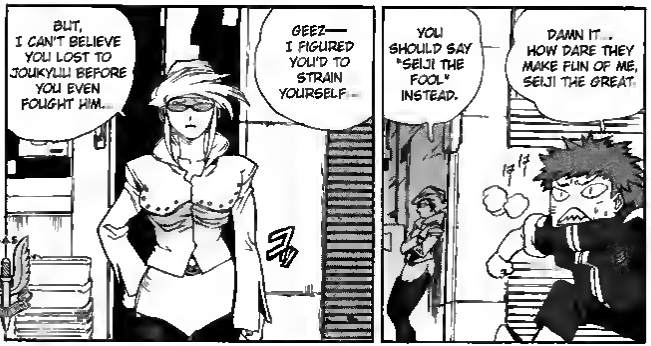
JUST DON'T COMPLAIN IF I WIN THIS MATCH
YOU CAN SAY WHATEVER YOU'D LIKE
THE WAY YOU THROW THE BALL IS LIKE THE IDOLS IN THE OPENING CEREMONY!
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU ARE THE LEADER OF THE LACKEY PITCHERS.
GWOA !!!

EAT THAT, YOU PERSISTENT BITCH!
YES!
IT'S TOO LATE GRANNY
UHM—... AT TIME LIKE THIS, SHOULDN'T WE THROW IN THE TOWEL?
AH—

ACK. COULD IT BE...?
THIS WAS YOUR STRATEGY: TO WEAR ME OUT IN ORDER TO GET AN EASY VICTORY?
TIME OUT
WA... WAIT
WHAT'S WRONG? IS THE EFFECT FROM THE INNER POWER HIT STILL EFFECTING YOU?
WELL... IT ENDED AS I PREDICTED BUT THAT WAS A GOOD FIGHT
AND NOW, ACCORDING TO THE PROMISE I'LL BE YOUR OPPONENT
Slurk a pair.

I'LL COME AGAIN WHEN I AM BETTER FIT TO FIGHT YOU.
DAMN YOU, I'LL REMEMBER THIS ..
AND, WHO SAID THAT IT WOULD BE OVER IN FIVE SECONDS?
YOU ACCEPTED THE CONDITIONS YOURSELF.
I LOST AGAINST THAT SHRIMP'S FAKE KUNG FU!
DAMN ...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT HOU MEI?
IT'S NOT THE POWER OF YOUR MUSCLES THAT HURT HIM, IT WAS YOUR INNER POWER
YOU COMPLETELY LOST AGAINST HIS FAKE KUNG FU THAT MAKES YOUR KUNG FU EVEN MORE OF A FAILURE
OI, YOU FORGOT SOMETHING ...?

...
HOU MEI, MARTIAL ARTS IS NOT JUST ABOUT POWER
IF YOU FEEL MORTIFIED, ASK YOUR OWN HEART ABOUT IT.


BUT, I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU LOST TO JOUKYUU BEFORE YOU EVEN FOUGHT HIM...
GEEZ—— I FIGURED YOU'D TO STRAIN YOURSELF...
YOU SHOULD SAY "SEIJI THE FOOL" INSTEAD.
DAMN IT... HOW DARE THEY MAKE FUN OF ME, SEIJI THE GREAT.

COME ON, LET'S GO BACK
IT IS SO OBVIOUS THAT YOU WOULD GET TRICKED BY THAT SLY FOX, JOUKYUU.
OUCH
JUST THINKING ABOUT HAVING TO WATCH OVER AN IDIOT LIKE YOU GIVES ME A HEADACHE
HEH!? YOU SAW EVERY-THING!?
IT WAS NICE OF YOU TO VISIT US.
SINCE I NEEDED TO RETURN WHAT HE LEFT BEHIND, I WAS THINKING OF USING THE CHANCE TO SEE WHO THE PEEPING TOM WAS.
WHAT THE...
UNH
HA

ARE YOU ONE OF KARASU'S COMRADES?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO RUSH ME, YOU'LL KNOW IT WHEN THE TIME COMES.
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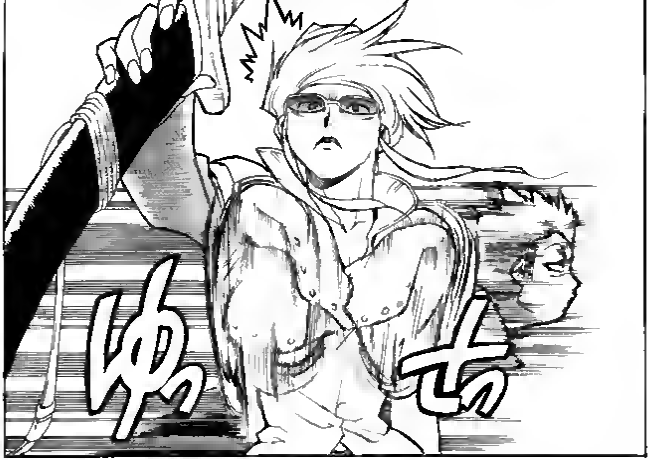
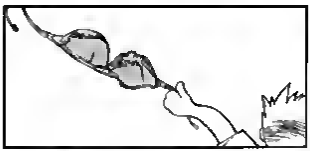
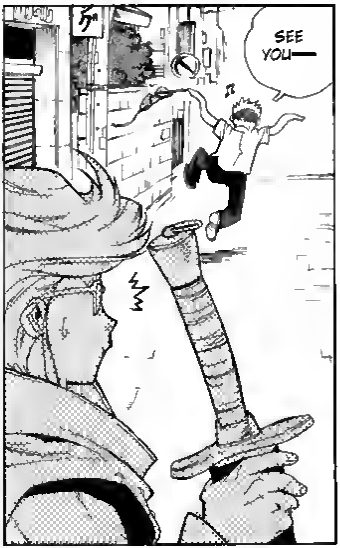
KNOW WHAT?
HERE, THE THING HE FORGOT.







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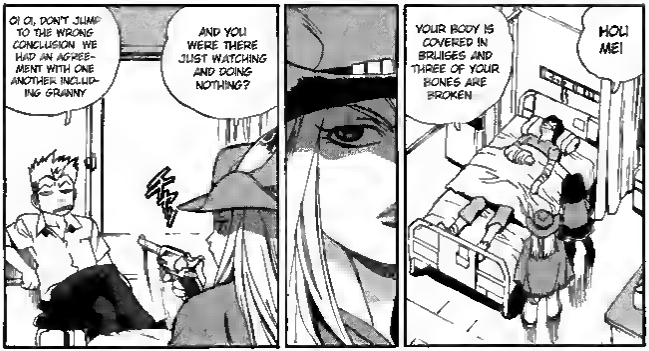
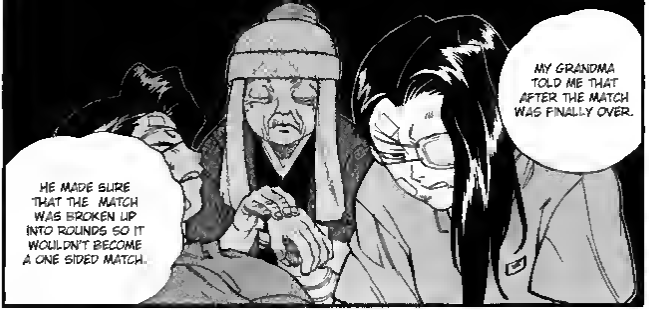
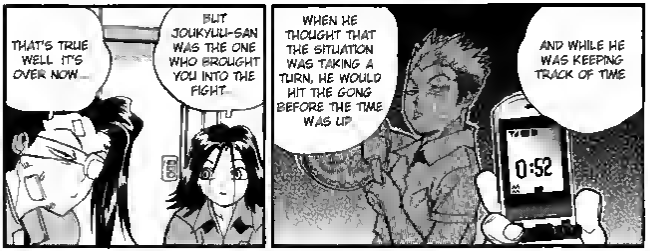

HOU! ME!
YOUR BODY IS COVERED IN BRUISES AND THREE OF YOUR BONES ARE BROKEN
AND YOU WERE THERE JUST WATCHING AND DOING NOTHING?
OI OI, DON'T JUMP TO THE WRONG CONCLUSION WE HAD AN AGREEMENT WITH ONE ANOTHER, INCLUDING GRANNY

OR ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY THAT EVEN IN A BATTLE WE SHOULD BE GENTLE TO HER BECAUSE SHE IS A GIRL ?
WHY DON'T YOU TAKE PART IN THE SPORT WORLD INSTEAD THEN?
SEE YOU—
IF YOU THINK THAT THIS IS JUST SOME KIND OF GAME YOU BETTER NOT CONTINUE WALKING DOWN THIS PATH TOWARDS THAT WORLD
— JOUKYUU WAS ACTUALLY HELPING ME IN A WAY OR ANOTHER WHILE HE WAS BLABBERING
HOU MEI!?
STOP IT, METARA
I'LL SHOOT HIM FOR REAL NEXT TIME—


MY GRANDMA TOLD ME THAT AFTER THE MATCH WAS FINALLY OVER.
HE MADE SURE THAT THE MATCH WAS BROKEN UP INTO ROUNDS SO IT WOULDN'T BECOME A ONE SIDED MATCH.


BUT JOUKYUU-SAN WAS THE ONE WHO BROUGHT YOU INTO THE FIGHT...
THAT'S TRUE WELL. IT'S OVER NOW...
GONG
WHEN HE THOUGHT THAT THE SITUATION WAS TAKING A TURN, HE WOULD HIT THE GONG BEFORE THE TIME WAS UP.
AND WHILE HE WAS KEEPING TRACK OF TIME
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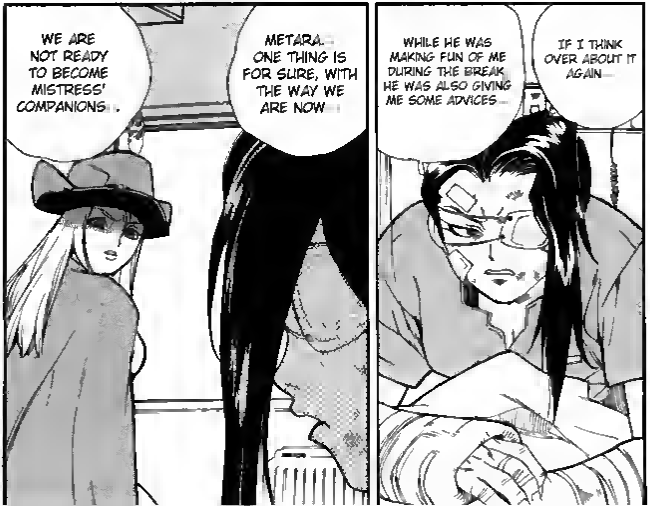
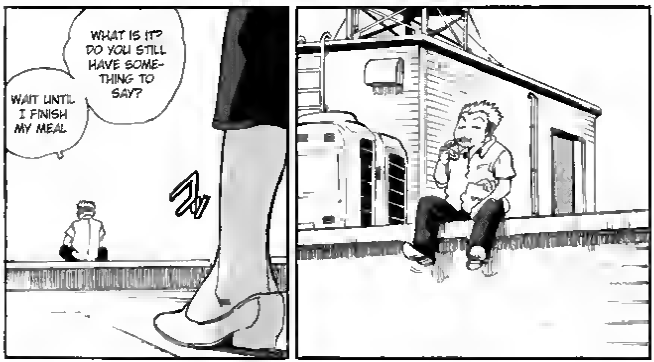

METARA... ONE THING IS FOR SURE, WITH THE WAY WE ARE NOW...
WE ARE NOT READY TO BECOME MISTRESS' COMPANIONS...
WHILE HE WAS MAKING FUN OF ME DURING THE BREAK, HE WAS ALSO GIVING ME SOME ADVICES...
IF I THINK OVER ABOUT IT AGAIN...


WHAT IS IT? DO YOU STILL HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?
WAIT UNTIL I FINISH MY MEAL
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HOW COULD YOU ABANDON YOUR FIGHT PARTNER AND GO HOME!? THANKS TO YOU I ALMOST CAUGHT A COLD!
YOU ARE SUCH A MEANY!!
AHH— SO IT'S YOU THE MYSTERIOUS WRESTLER...
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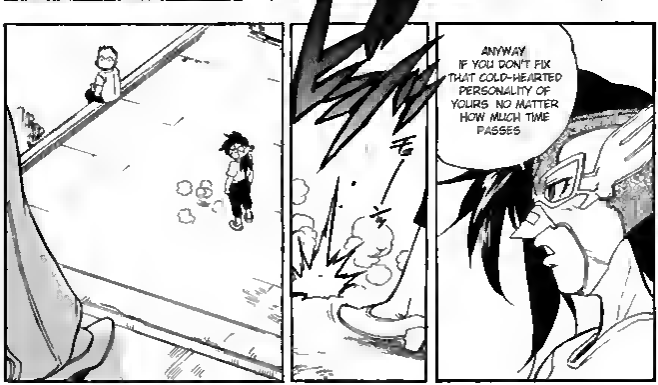
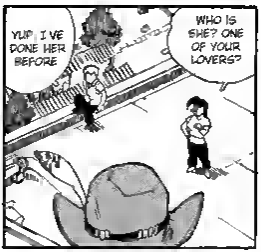

ANYWAY IF YOU DON'T FIX THAT COLD-HEARTED PERSONALITY OF YOURS NO MATTER HOW MUCH TIME PASSES

I STILL HAVE SOMETHING TO ASK
SORRY FOR INTERRUPTING

DO YOU ACTUALLY KNOW WHAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT!?
WELL NOT BAD
AND DID SHE TASTE GOOD?
A WHITE GIRL ONCE IN A WHILE SOUNDS GREAT
YUP.
ISN'T IT LOOSE? THE FOREIGNERS


YUP. I'VE DONE HER BEFORE
WHO IS SHE? ONE OF YOUR LOVERS?

IF YOU WANT TO PLAY WITH YOUR TOY GUN, THEN GO SOMEWHERE ELSE
WHAT A NOISY GIRL. WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF AN IMPORTANT CONVERSATION ABOUT MARTIAL ARTS

YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO BEAT A REAL MARTIAL ARTS WITH THAT TOY GUN OF YOURS
I'M TELLING YOU
SHE MOVED JUST BEFORE I TOOK A SHOT !?
!?
METARA, STOP IT ALREADY.
WELL PERHAPS IT WILL BE JUST THE SAME EVEN IF YOU USE A REAL GUN
BUT WE STILL CAN'T AVOID SOMETHING LIKE A SURPRISE ATTACK OR A SNIPER OR IF YOU SHOOT US RANDOMLY WITH A MACHINE GUN
WITH THAT SHOOTING INTERVAL BASED ON THE SHOOTING TACT AND ANGLE OF THE GUN, EVERYONE LIKE US WOULD BE ABLE TO READ WHERE YOU ARE GOING TO SHOOT.

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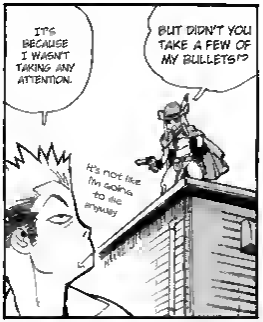
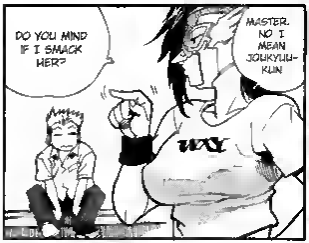

IT'S BECAUSE I WASN'T TAKING ANY ATTENTION.
BUT DIDN'T YOU TAKE A FEW OF MY BULLETS!?
It's not like I'm going to die anyway


DO YOU MIND IF I SMACK HER?
MASTER. NO I MEAN JOUKYUU-KUN

I GUESS YOU STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT IT'S ALL USELESS
DO YOU THINK THAT TWO GUNS WILL CAUSE TROUBLE?
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I WON'T ATTACK YOU WHEN YOU RELOAD YOUR GUN
OKAY, AS A HANDICAP
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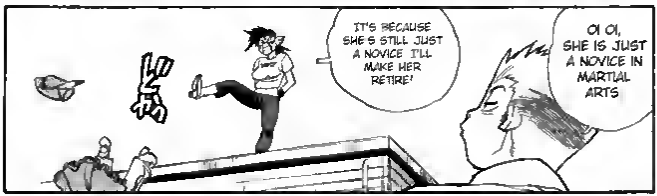
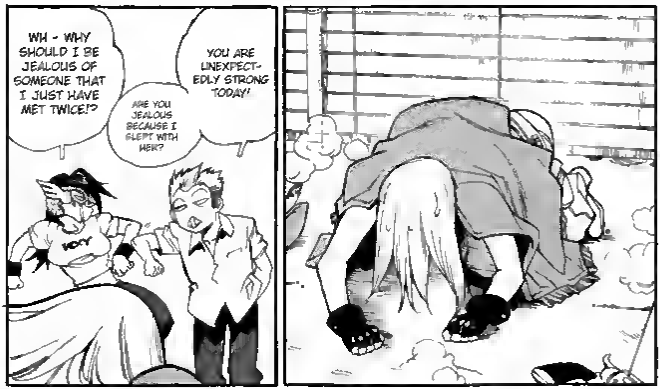
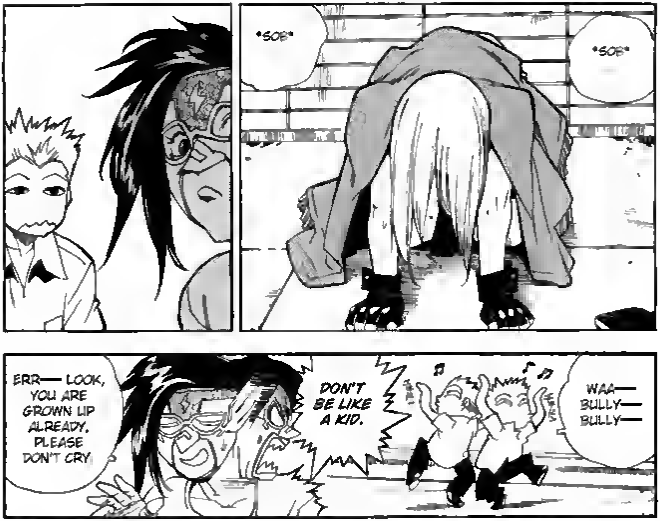
DAMN IT!!
DONT SCREW WITH ME!!
BO——RING! GIVE ME BACK MY MONEY!!
THIS SEEMS LIKE A STUPID FIGHT.
DAMN YOU——!!!

IT'S ENOUGH ALREADY!!
YOUU!!


IT'S BECAUSE SHE'S STILL JUST A NOVICE I'LL MAKE HER RETIRE!
OI OI, SHE IS JUST A NOVICE IN MARTIAL ARTS


WH - WHY SHOULD I BE JEALOUS OF SOMEONE THAT I JUST HAVE MET TWICE!?
ARE YOU JEALOUS BECAUSE I SLEPT WITH HER?
YOU ARE UNEXPECT-EDLY STRONG TODAY!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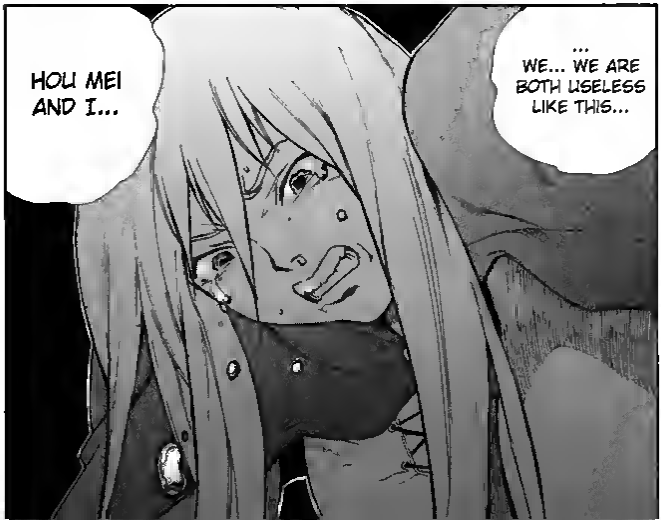
ERR— LOOK, YOU ARE GROWN UP ALREADY. PLEASE DON'T CRY!
DON'T BE LIKE A KID.
WAA— BULLY— BULLY—


HOU MEI AND I...
... WE... WE ARE BOTH USELESS LIKE THIS...

NO NO NO, IT'S NOT THAT
HOW 'BOUT USING A BAZOOKA AND A MACHINE GUN?
IT'S ABOUT THE DUEL, HUH
FOR SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T DO MARTIAL ARTS LIKE HER, THE REASON WHY SHE COULD BARELY MANAGE A DUEL IN THE WORLD OF MARTIAL ARTS IS BECAUSE OF HER REVOLVER, ISN'T IT?
DON'T AIM AT THE PLACE WHERE YOUR ENEMY IS, BUT AIM AT THE PLACE WHERE YOUR ENEMY IS GOING TO BE
REMEMBER ABOUT CATCHING THE FISH INSIDE THE WASH BASIN THAT I SHOWED YOU BEFORE
HUH!?
WELL, USING A REVOLVER DOESN'T MEAN THAT YOU CAN'T APPLY MARTIAL ARTS IN IT...

IT SOUNDS IMPOSSIBLE FOR A FOREIGNER WHO DOESN'T EVEN UNDERSTAND THE FOUNDATIONS OF MATIAL ARTS
THAT IS ALSO TRUE
WHAT'S WITH HER
CAN'T YOU SEE SHE IS STRUGGLING? LOTS OF THINGS HAPPENED
HEY, WHERE
LEAVE HER ALONE
AH! LEAVING THAT ASIDE
WHAT DID YOU USE AT THAT TIME WHEN YOU BEAT ME!? TELL ME!
THAT WAS A NEW SPECIAL MOVE. EKIBEN FUCK
WHAT'S WITH THAT OLD GEEZER'S JOKE

A SEX STYLE. EKIBEN MEANS BENTO SOLD ON TRAINS AND TRAIN STATIONS. CURIOUS???

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ANYWAY, MR PRESIDENT OF SEISHI CO
YES LITTLE BY LITTLE
HAVE YOU GATHERED YOUR TALENTED MEMBERS?
SO, HOW IS IT GOING KARASUMARU-KUN ?
HUH!?
CAN YOU RAISE IT ABOUT THIS MUCH?
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE MONEY WE AGREED. HAS GREED GOT TO YOU!?
WHAT DID YOU SAY, BRAT. JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE STRONG DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN CHANGE THE PLAN

RAISING THE SCALE DURING THE NEGOTIATION IS NOT A WISE THING TO DO...
THE NORTH DEMON'S THE ONE WE NOW HAVE A QUARREL WITH, WHY YOU...
"THE NORTH DEMON" GANG OFFERED US 30% MORE...
NO... ACTUALLY...
YOU HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHOOSE YOUR PARTNER. HOW LUCKY YOU ARE.
YOU ARE STILL YOUNG, STRONG AND IN SOME WAY YOU ARE ALSO ARROGANT, I GUESS IT'S INEVITABLE...
I'M STILL WEIGHING WITH MY SCALE...
NO, YOU ARE WRONG... I'M CHOOSING MY PARTNER...

IT'S TRUE THAT WE CAN'T SURPASS YOU IN TERM OF MARTIAL ARTS...
BUT IN CASES LIKE THIS WHERE WE CAN USE OUR GUNS FREELY, IT'S ALL MEAN-INGLESS...
IF THE THING YOU PULLED OUT WERE A MACHINE GUN IT COULD PERHAPS CHANGE SOMETHING
POINTING 5 OR 10 GUNS TOWARDS US ISN'T A THREAT TO US ...

YOU!
BEING ON YOUR SIDE IS INDEED LIKE CASTING PEARLS BEFORE SWINE.
YOU THINK THAT YOU CAN DO SOMETHING WITH THAT KIND OF THING
HUH !? BUT IT WAS ..
YOU MISSED HIM FROM THIS DISTANCE. WHAT AN IDIOT

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WH - WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING !?
!?

GAAH-HHH...
AH ... UGH ...
WA-WA-WAIT!
KARASUMARU-KUN, LET'S TALK AGAIN ...
THERE IS NO NEED.
ACTUALLY, WE HAVE MADE AN AGREEMENT WITH THEM.

CHILL OUT, THIS IS JUST LIKE BIDING IN AN AUCTION
I TOLD YOU ALREADY THAT WE CAN'T TALK WITH THIS 3RD RATE ORGANISATION
THE PAYMENT WAS TO OBLITERATE THE SEISHI CO.
I GUESS THE ONLY CHOICE I HAVE IS TO HAVE A LOOK OVERSEAS ...
EVEN THE UNDERGROUND SOCIETY IN THIS COUNTRY IS STUPID

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